

VICTORIA WEATHER
Forecast for 24 hours from 5 a.m.—
Winds chiefly westerly, generally fair,
with stationary or lower temperature.
Yesterday's temperature—Max. 44,
min. 36.

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Ingredients 1 1/2 lbs. raisins, 1/2 lb. currants, 1/2 lb. mixed peel, 3/4 lb. bread crumbs, 3/4 lb. suet, 8 eggs, 1 wineglassful brandy. Mode: Stone and cut the raisins in half, but do not chop them; wash, pick and dry currants, and mince the suet finely; cut the peel into thin slices; grate the bread into fine crumbs. Mix well together, then moisten the mixture with eggs, well beaten, and the brandy; stir well to blend thoroughly and press the pudding into a buttered mold; tie it down tightly with floured cloth and boil five or six hours. When served on Christmas Day, place a sprig of holly in middle of the pudding and pour about a wineglassful of brandy round pudding, which at the moment of serving light and bring to table encircled in flame—the true old English way.

Re-cleaned Currants, 3 lbs. 25c	Seeded Raisins, per lb. 10c
English Peel, per lb. 15c	Sultana Raisins, per lb. 10c
Raw Sugar, 4 lbs. 25c	Fancy Shelled Almonds, per lb. 50c
Cooking Brandy, per bottle, 50c	Fancy Shelled Walnuts, per lb. 50c
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TARIFF VIEWS DO NOT AGREE

Charles M. Schwab Combats
Mr. Carnegie's Steel Duty
Arguments

CHANGES IN MANUFACTURE

Admits That Duty on Iron Ore
Might Be Removed With-
out Damage

Washington, Dec. 15.—Disagreeing with the public views of Andrew Carnegie on the steel tariff, Chas. M. Schwab, former president of the U. S. Steel Corporation, testified before the House Ways and Means committee today. While he practically admitted that the conditions which existed nine years ago would have permitted a reduction in the steel tariff, he said that the cost of manufacture of steel rails had increased to such an extent that the present conditions must be changed to permit of tariff reduction. "In five years there will not be a Bessemer steel converting works left in the United States," said Mr. Schwab. Mr. Schwab predicted that Bessemer steel would be of no use. The same is true of structural steel, as well as rails. "They will be all made by the 'open hearth' process of manufacture. Considerable changes in the construction," he continued, "of the plant will be necessary to meet the improvements in the method of manufacture."

Mr. Schwab also declared that within ten years the open hearth process would be superseded by the electric system of manufacture, which was being developed in Germany.

"These changes in the process of manufacture improve the quality of the steel," he continued, "but they also increase the cost of production slightly." Mr. Schwab said he was not in favor of any change in the tariff on steel and steel products. "A moderate change will not make any material difference," he said, "but a radical change might do considerable harm." He admitted that the duty could be taken off iron ore without affecting the value of the Messabi ore of this country.

Mr. Schwab stated that the Bethlehem Steel Company, of which he is president, imports all of its iron ore from Cuba.

Frank W. Taussig, professor of political economy at Harvard university, argued that certain raw materials should be admitted free, naming coal, iron ore, lumber, hemp, flax, corn and barley. He said it would be a wise policy to reduce the duty on woollen clothing and sugar.

Robert Gilchrist, representing St. Louis and New York interests, urged that the present duty on ferro-manganese used in the manufacture of steel should be removed. He said that this article cannot be produced sufficiently in the United States to supply domestic needs.

New Material for Paper.

Washington, Dec. 15.—That a material has been discovered by which print papers can be produced in competition with wood pulp was the purpose of a qualified report that Dr. B. T. Galloway, of the bureau of plant inquiry of the department of agriculture, made to the house committee on agriculture today when he appeared before it to account for the disposition of the appropriation given to the department for experiments along this line.

Exhausting Coal Fields.

New York, Dec. 15.—That the entire supply of the Pennsylvania coal fields will be exhausted in 84 years, was a prediction today by Prof. Wm. Griffiths, a mining expert of Scranton, Pa., at the hearing of the government's suit against the anthracite coal-carrying roads for alleged illegal combination in restraint of trade. Prof. Griffiths estimated the total available supply of anthracite for shipment in 1905 at 2,229,201,650 tons, and said at the present rate of consumption the supply would be used up in 1932.

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Papke and Kelly Draw.

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—Hugo Kelly, of Chicago, and Billy Papke, of Keewauke, Ill., tonight fought 25 rounds to a draw.

Toronto Liberal Club

Toronto, Dec. 15.—A Liberal club, with suitable premises, and a membership of 500, is assured for Toronto. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. G. P. Graham and Hon. C. Murphy are among the members.

West Peterboro Election

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Justice Britton today granted a stay of proceedings in the West Peterboro election case, pending a formal decision in the preliminary proceedings. He also extended the time for taking proceedings by either party.

Brazil and Argentine.

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 15.—The relations existing between Brazil and the Argentine are distinctly strained as a result of jealousy at the alleged activities of each country in the matter of increasing its naval force. The incident of the official telegrams said to have been intercepted and published by an ex-cabinet minister of the Argentine adds to the ill-feeling, which shows no signs of decreasing.

Students Have Fierce Battle

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The students of the medical faculty and the school of science had a battle royal on the Toronto university grounds yesterday. A general melee followed the interference of the science men with the medics, while the latter were having their photographs taken. Sixty-nine windows were broken in the science building and twenty-three in the medical building, while many students came out with the light of black eyes and torn clothing. President Falconer, who has been laid up with a cold, had to be summoned to put an end to the row.

LONGBOAT BEAT THE ITALIAN YESTERDAY

Dorando Collapsed When in
Sight of Goal—Wild Excitement Prevails

New York, Dec. 15.—As on that memorable occasion of his first Olympiad Dorando Pietri collapsed when in sight of the goal, and the Italian Longboat, the Canadian Indian runner, who had been led by a yard or more nearly all the way, won the Marathon race at Madison Square tonight. The time was 35 2-5 seconds slower than Dorando's in his race with Hayes.

The race was hard fought from start to finish and kept the thousands of spectators in wild excitement. At 25 miles Dorando was leading by two yards. A moment before Longboat had made a remarkable spurt and put himself on even footing with the little Italian. Dorando immediately regained first position, and the men were fighting it out in the 26th mile, with Dorando in the lead, but visibly weakened. The chances of Longboat appeared to improve in the second and third laps. In the fourth lap while the crowd was crying itself hoarse, both men slackened perceptibly. Then suddenly Dorando staggered and dropped. Longboat finished alone, his time for the 26 miles 35 3/5 yards was 2:45:05 2-5.

The Marathon fever drew a gathering of over 11,000 people to the garden, and many men and women were still fighting for admittance by 9 o'clock, when the race was scheduled to begin between Dorando Pietri, of Capri, Italy, and Tom Longboat, of Toronto, Ont. The distance of the race was the same as when Dorando defeated John J. Hayes, the English Olympic champion, on the same track, 26 miles 35 3/5 yards, which over the ten-lap track means 262 laps and 53 yards.

The race started at 9:11 o'clock. Longboat won the toss, and took the pole position. Dorando jumped into lead and led a steady pace with the Indian a few feet back. Both were running easily but at good clip. The mile was made in 5:14 1-5, Dorando leading two yards.

Progress of Race

At five miles Dorando was leading by two yards. Time, 28:27 4-5.
Longboat took the lead early in the third mile but held it for three laps only. Dorando letting out a link in his speed and running around the Canadian. Dorando then continued in the lead, and at the finish of the tenth mile was running at a steady, fast gait two yards ahead of his opponent. The time for the ten miles was 58 min. 57 sec., which is 1 min. 2-5 sec. faster than the time made in the Hayes-Dorando race for the distance.

There was practically no change between the tenth and fifteenth miles. Dorando leading at the latter distance by three yards. The time for fifteen miles was 1 hour 30 min. 2-5 sec. This was 1 min. 45 1-5 sec. better than the Hayes-Dorando time.

Longboat took the lead on the last lap of the fourteenth mile, increasing the pace a trifle. It proved to be a spasmodic effort on the Indian's part as Dorando easily passed him two laps further and was ahead at the end of the fifteenth mile. Longboat began to show signs of fatigue in the running of the seventeenth mile, but kept with in striking distance of the little Italian, who seemed to have a lot left. Longboat was again in the lead when the twentieth mile had been completed. He was then two yards ahead of Dorando and had made the distance in 2 hours 3 min. 53 3-5 sec. This was 1 min. 2-5 sec. ahead of the time in the Hayes-Dorando race.

The time of the twenty-four miles was 2 hours and 30 min. and 33 1-5 sec. Dorando has a slight lead.

At twenty-five miles Dorando was leading by two yards. Time, 2 hours 37 min. 53 3-5 sec.
The time was 35 2-5 seconds slower than the mark established by Dorando when he defeated Hayes over the same track three weeks ago. It was a grueling race for near twenty-five miles, the Italian generally in the lead, but occasionally overhauled by a wonderful spurt of the Indian.

NICE EPITHETS ARE EXCHANGED

The Controversy of President
Roosevelt and Mr. Pulitzer
Grows Lively

A MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Proprietor of World Threatened
With Prosecution, Talks
Back Tartly

New York, Dec. 15.—The World in its answer to President Roosevelt's reference to Congress today will say in its editorial tomorrow: "Mr. Roosevelt is mistaken. He cannot muzzle the World, while no amount of billingsgate on his part can alter our determination to treat him with judicial impartiality and scrupulous fairness. We repeat what we have already said, that the Congress of the United States should make a thorough investigation of the whole Panama transaction, that the full truth may be known to the American people."

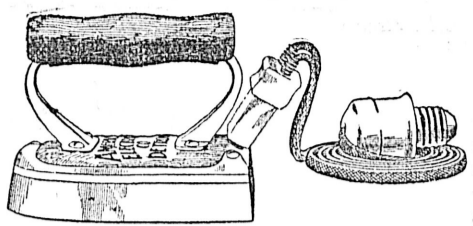
"The World appreciates the importance and significance of Mr. Roosevelt's statement when he declares to Congress that the proprietor of the World should be prosecuted for libel by the government authorities, and that the attorney-general has under consideration the form under which the proceedings against Mr. Pulitzer shall be brought. This is the first time a president ever asserted the doctrine of lese majeste, or proposed, in the absence of specific legislation, the criminal prosecution by the government of citizens who criticized the conduct of the government or the conduct of individuals who may have had business dealings with the government. Neither the King of Great Britain nor the Emperor of Germany will venture to arrogate such power to himself. It is the duty of the president to enforce the sedition law, destroyed the Federalist party in America. Yet Mr. Roosevelt, in the absence of law, officially proposes to use all the power of the greatest power on earth to cripple the freedom of the press, on the pretext that the government itself has been libeled, and he is the government. It is the duty of the president to enforce the public opinion concerning the Panama canal affair, which resulted from Wm. Nelson Cromwell's appeal to the district attorney's office during the recent campaign to prevent the publication of a story which is said to be in the hands of the Democratic national committee. It was Mr. Cromwell's own action which raised the issue in the campaign."

"It is true also that when Mr. Roosevelt made his attack upon Delavan Smith, the World called attention to certain statements which Mr. Roosevelt must have known to be false or misleading, and appealed to Congress to end all scandal by a full and impartial investigation. If this be treason let it be so said by the people. Mr. Roosevelt's lamentable habit of inaccurate statement makes it impossible to accept either his judgments or his conclusions. In his message he does not state correctly, even so simple a matter as the pretended causes of his grievances."

"The World has never said that Chas. F. Taft or Douglas Robinson made any profits whatever. Mr. Taft denied that he was concerned in the transaction in any way, which denial the World published and accepted. It would have been equally glad to print Mr. Robinson's denial could it have succeeded in obtaining one from him, as it frequently attempted. The World has no evidence that he was associated with the Panama canal. Mr. Taft denied that he was concerned in the transaction in any way, which denial the World published and accepted. It would have been equally glad to print Mr. Robinson's denial could it have succeeded in obtaining one from him, as it frequently attempted. The World has no evidence that he was associated with the Panama canal. Mr. Taft denied that he was concerned in the transaction in any way, which denial the World published and accepted. 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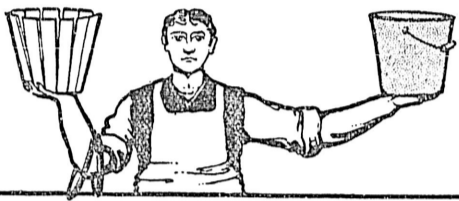
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ELECTORS HEAR MAYOR TELL OF YEAR'S WORK

City's Chief Magistrate Gives Account of His Stewardship for the Year

Despite the inclement weather, the council chamber at the city hall was well filled last evening when Mayor Hall addressed the electors of Victoria, giving a full account of the work done during its tenure of office. In calling the meeting, Mayor Hall introduced an innovation in civic administration, in that last night's meeting was the first of its kind ever called here for a similar purpose. There was nothing of civic politics in the move. As Mayor Hall explained to those present, he felt that it was the duty of the electors to the city's chief magistrate, on the completion of his term of office, should personally give an account of his stewardship, and it was with this idea in view that he had called the meeting. He had no desire, nor intention, of making anything in the nature of a political move when he called the meeting. As he was in the field for re-election, he would reserve his political efforts to a future date, when the campaign was well under way.

That others, however, had the idea of bringing contentious matters to the fore at once was shown by the list of written questions which were submitted by Phil R. Smith. The questions, which were answered by Mayor Hall, did not apparently appeal to the meeting as being any criticism of the mayor's, or council's, record for the year, and as Mayor Hall took his seat he was liberally applauded.

A Proper Step

Alderman Cameron occupied the chair. He complimented Mayor Hall for calling the meeting, which might be in the nature of an innovation, but it was certainly a step in the right direction. Anything which brings the ratepayers and their representatives into closer touch was to be commended, and he congratulated Mayor Hall on the step taken.

Alderman Cameron also pointed out that the meeting was not in any sense a political one, but one called simply to hear the mayor summarize the results of the year's work. Any questions to be asked would be permitted after Mayor Hall completed his address.

His Worship was applauded as he rose to speak. He believed that the ratepayers ought to hear his statement at a time when the heat of the campaign would be lacking and matters could be discussed in a calm and dispassionate manner, when his hearers could weigh his words carefully and well.

The mayor's speech was devoted wholly to an outline of the work which the present council had undertaken during the year since its appointment to office. Before the last civic election the ratepayers had been given no financial statement of the city's affairs, and they had no idea of just how the civic finances stood. The present council found, when it took office, that it had to face a deficit of exactly \$11,004.25 in the shape of an overdraft at the Bank of British North America. This had to be paid out of the general revenue of the city and constituted at the outset a heavy liability. But it had been paid. (Applause.)

Would Do for Streets

If that amount were in the possession of the council today there would be fewer holes in the streets to fill up and less complaints from the ratepayers. Other expenditures incurred by the last council were met, as intended, out of the proceeds of the funds raised under bylaws authorized by the ratepayers. At the last election two by-laws were voted upon, the water works and the incinerator bylaws. With regard to the latter measure, Mayor Hall explained that after he had been returned to office he had suggested that a committee be appointed and sent to Vancouver to study and report upon the incinerator plant there. This suggestion was adopted, Alderman Henderson, City Engineer Hutchinson and City Engineer Topp going over to Vancouver and making a thorough study of the plant there. This committee reported that the expense of operating such a plant was so great that in view of the much better facilities here for carrying garbage out to sea at a very reasonable cost, the latter plan should be adopted. This recommendation was adopted and in consequence the money authorized under the incinerator bylaw was never raised.

The waterworks bylaw, passed by a very narrow majority, was the other money bylaw ratified at the date of the last election. The verdict of the ratepayers was that the Elk lake scheme should be pushed ahead. Just as soon as the thirty days allowed for objection against the bylaw to be put in, the present council undertook the duty cast upon it by the electors. Tenders for the different parts of the work were called for and no time lost. Today, Mayor Hall was glad to say, the Smith's Hill reservoir is three-quarters completed and will be finished, the city's consulting engineer had stated, in May next. This work calls for an expenditure of \$99,000 and to date a little over \$46,000 had been expended, the expenditure including a plant used in the operations, which will be worth a considerable sum and be a valuable asset to the city for future works.

Great Progress Made

Mayor Hall believed it would help people to realize the progress made on the installation of the new water works system when he informed them that since March when the contract was let, no less than twelve miles of mains have been laid. Since that time not only had the tenders to be let but the pipes had to be manufactured, shipped out from the old country and installed, a fact which demonstrated, better than any words, the activity of the council in pushing ahead a work which is to provide the residents of Victoria with the plentiful supply of fresh water so essential to the welfare of the city. (Applause.)

But the above was not the only work undertaken in connection with the waterworks system. Expert Adams had suggested that the surface of the Elk lake should be raised three and one-half feet. This has been practically done and gangs of employees are now at work between the city and the lake preparing the way for the big mains and performing other necessary work in connection with the system. In fact, the mayor stated, the work would be almost completed by the end of May or early in June when the bugbear of past years, a water shortage, will have ceased to exist. The reservoir, when completed, will have a capacity of 16,000,000 gallons, sufficient

to give the city a supply for several days should any accident happen which would cut off the Elk lake source. The new pump for the North Dairy farm station is now here and is being installed, the pump for the Yates street pumping station is in place and the wires are strung from there to the high level tower in course of erection on St. Charles street. When this latter work is completed by the end of January that portion of the system to supply the higher levels will be in readiness.

Has Its Advantages

It was quite true, Mayor Hall admitted, that the necessary and extensive work involved in installing the waterworks system as well as the salt water high pressure system, has made a mess of the streets. It simply had to be the case. But on the other hand the work had resulted in giving ample occupation to a large number of laboring men who, at this time of year, generally find that work is more or less scarce. The inconvenience is more than counterbalanced by the benefits to be derived in an adequate water supply and a well-employed laboring class. (Cheers.)

Turning to other works undertaken by the council, Mayor Hall recalled that on April 22 four bylaws were ratified by the ratepayers, the Salt Water High Pressure system of fire protection, Additional Fire Protection, School Loan and Sewer Loan bylaws. All measures had received the hearty approval of the ratepayers, which the council, he believed, had been justified in feeling was an expression of the confidence which the people of Victoria had in their representatives on the council board this year. (Cheers.)

He believed that if the council had done nothing else during the year than undertake the installation of the salt water high pressure system it would have done lasting good to the city, and it merited the confidence of the ratepayers. The fire underwriters have declared that when the system is finished and ready for work and other work in connection with the city fire fighting system completed, there will be a large reduction in the present high rates of insurance, a reduction which, Mayor Hall declared, will prove considerably larger than most people expect. In other cities, New York, Toronto and elsewhere, such systems have been installed and have proved their worth. It will mean a great saving to the ratepayers in money to say nothing of the greatly increased protection to property. He had no hesitation in saying that with the completion of the system and the additions which have been made to the existing fire fighting apparatus Victoria will be the best protected city of any on the Pacific coast. (Applause.)

To date about one mile of the three miles of mains to be laid has been installed and rapid progress is being made on the balance. About sixty-five men are employed on the work, and about \$27,000, the amount including the cost of all of the pipes, has been spent. The system will be ready for operation by the time the dry season arrives next year, the season when the greatest danger from fires is experienced.

Fire Protection.

The additional fire protection bylaw is also a measure which the present council has enforced. When the council took office the fire fighting apparatus of the city was in a poor condition. By means of the funds raised under the bylaw two new halls are now being built and are practically finished, while the up-to-date chemical engines have been purchased. When the high pressure system is in operation the present apparatus will be released for service in the outlying sections as the high pressure system will fully meet all demands which may arise in the business section of the city. In this manner the whole city will greatly benefit.

For the school loan, Mayor Hall claimed no credit, as the council was forced to submit the measure, but under the sewer loan bylaw which was passed by the ratepayers authorizing the raising of \$50,000, seven miles of sewers had been laid at an expenditure of nearly \$67,000, and the council will ask the ratepayers to authorize the raising of another loan for \$50,000, as well as a bylaw for an amount of the remodelling of the city hall.

In addition to the above a great deal of street work has been undertaken. Quite twelve and one-half miles of cement walks have been laid, double the

amount ever laid in any previous year, and by the time the works authorized are completed about \$152,000 will have been spent. Over a mile of block pavement has been laid, including the repaving of Government street, the expenditure amounting to about \$73,000. A great deal more street work would have been done had not the council during the latter part of the year decided that no street paving should be undertaken until the water mains and sewers were laid thus doing away with the practice of previous years of tearing up a newly laid roadway to allow of the water mains and sewers being installed. The city could not force the gas company to lay its mains on a street before the pavement was put down, but the company was always asked to make an effort to do so, and thus preserve the roadway. The mayor referred anyone who wished to see what a good macadam road really was like, to take a look at Rockland avenue, a credit to the city and to the council.

Ahead of Other Cities.

Mayor Hall declared that when he was in Ottawa last summer the city engineer of that city had stated that Victoria, for the length of time it has been putting down macadam pavements and for the size of the town, is better served in this respect than any other city in the country. Turning from the physical position of the city Mayor Hall referred to the moral side of the council's work, pointing out that as soon as he was sworn in as mayor he had directed that the laws should be enforced to the letter. That order has never been broken. Active steps have been taken against a certain element of the community and all the council is now waiting for is the decision of the full court in the case of a certain woman who has been prosecuted by the city. The license laws had been enforced as regards saloons which had not complied with the regulations relative to rooms and interior arrangements and the report of the license inspector, an official appointed for the first time by the present council, a step which has proved a good one, shows that the law is being observed. In fact the regulations have never been better enforced or observed than at present.

"Of course, I don't mean that the situation in that respect is perfect," declared Mayor Hall, "it will never be so until humanity is perfect. But present conditions are better than ever before." A great deal depends upon the citizens themselves. They make the laws by appointing the legislators. The city is restricted greatly by the powers granted by the government. The license commissioners have no right to cancel a license except for cause, not until a conviction can be obtained and it is no easy matter to secure such conviction. If the license commission had the power it could soon put an end to illegal practices.

Mayor Hall touched upon the efforts made by the license commission to put an end to the supplying of liquor to those interdicted from its use and so far the law is being generally observed though as in the case of any law it is sometimes broken.

Can't Regulate Clubs.

As to gambling, Mayor Hall pointed out that there are at present about sixteen or seventeen clubs in the city, all but one or two of which are in Chinatown. These clubs are under charter and are as inviolate as a private home. Other cities have the same difficulty to contend against. The executive of the British Columbia Union of Municipalities has taken the matter up and the attorney-general had promised to introduce legislation which will enable the city to control such places. Other than that he felt that he was safe in saying that no gambling is going on in the city and everything possible has been done to put an end to it. The difficulty to be met in this regard could be appreciated when it is understood that poker, for instance, and "a game called bridge," are not considered by the courts to be gambling. Book-making at the races has also been held to be lawful. Consequently to put an end to gambling is a problem much more difficult than generally supposed.

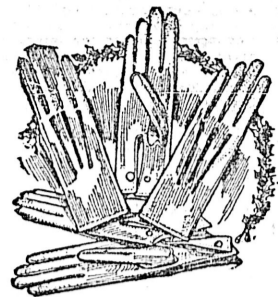
Increase of Civic Work.

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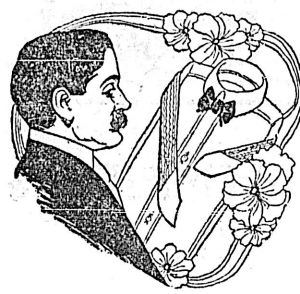
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ELECTORS HEAR MAYOR TELL OF YEAR'S WORK

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monthly pay day, on the 5th and 19th of each month, the appointment of a regular paymaster will have to be made, and this is a scheme which will be brought into being at the first of the coming year. The council will ask the ratepayers to authorize a loan for \$35,000 for the proposed alterations to the city hall in order to permit the various departments to cope with the increase in the city's work. While there are many men employed by the city he did not wish to see men from outside coming here in the hope of securing work when there were men at home capable of doing it. In fact within the past week he had sent six men from outside back again as preference would always be given to Victorians.

Mayor Hall finished with the statement that he felt sure the work of the present council has commended itself to the ratepayers and that the past year has been the most progressive in the history of the city. (Cheers).

Questions Put.

Alderman Cameron called attention to the fact that a number of questions had been presented by members of the audience to be answered by the mayor.

These questions were more or less fully covered by Mayor Hall's address, and were shortly answered by him, his replies being satisfactory to the audience, judging by the applause. Considering the source whence they emanated it is a certainty that Mayor Hall will be called upon during the campaign to again answer the same questions. He declared that he had never promised the Christian Endeavor Union to prevent disreputable houses from locating above Government street on Herald street or Chatham street. On the contrary he was opposed to such places anywhere in the city, and he thought his record and the active part he has always taken in the cause of reform would indicate how he stood on such matters. But with the law as it is the council, until it gets further powers is powerless to act. In answer to another question, he stated that the C.P.R. has no monopoly of Store street, and has no more right there than would any other company. If the city saw fit to grant the latter running rights, but one thing he did know and that was that the line built by the R. Wilson company is now erecting building to cost nearly \$90,000, which would not have been built had no road been allowed along Store street. Other questions relative to gambling, the negotiations between the city and the V. & S. railway in regard to terminals on Blanchard street, which were raised by the city, were put and answered.

Mock Parliament

The last session of the mock parliament for the present year will be held this evening in the Y. M. C. A. hall.

Visiting Secretary to Speak

Mr. Wm. E. Sweet, a prominent business man of Denver, Colorado, accompanied by his wife, came over to this city from Seattle yesterday, and is staying at the Empress. Upon the invitation of Mr. A. J. Brace he will take tea at 6 o'clock this evening at the Y. M. C. A., when he will discuss association work from the business man's point of view, and offer suggestions drawn from his long and varied experience with the view of aiding in the satisfactory solution of many pressing local problems. Mr. and Mrs. Sweet, who have been in attendance upon the state Y. M. C. A. convention at North Yakima, return to Seattle at 11:30 o'clock tonight.

Lecture By Rev. Mr. Clay

Those who had the pleasure of hearing Rev. W. Leslie Clay a few weeks ago will not fail to be present this evening when he gives his second lecture on his travels in the old land, the subject as already announced being "Scotland." Mr. Clay visited the Trossachs, immortalized by Sir Walter Scott in his "Lady of the Ayrshire," the home of Robert Burns; old hie ridge, Edinburgh, and many other places famous in Scottish song and story, beautiful stereoscopic views of which will be shown during the evening. The lecture will be given in the church, commencing at 8 o'clock. An organ recital will be given preliminary to the lecture by Mr. Jesse Longfield.

The Small Boy

"You get your money's worth there alright," said a small boy as he left the Victoria theatre after witnessing the moving picture show there on Monday night. The long entertainment had evidently pleased the little fellow or this soliloquy would never have found utterance. The small boy can always be depended upon to expend his nickel or dime as the case may be, to the best advantage; if it is candy his mouth is watering for, just follow him on his short journey as he hurriedly walks past half a dozen candy stores, until he eventually comes to one where to use his own words, "they give you one more than the others." If his fancy turns to fruit, watch him run this time (for it is almost the hour for afternoon school) the length of three or four blocks, then through an alley to a street on which there is a store where his dime is exchanged for exactly the same number of apples as at other stores, but to again quote

the subject of our sketch verbatim, "Tony hands 'em to yer extra big."

ST. ANDREW'S ENTERTAIN

Large Number Enjoy Monthly Concert and Dances Held Last Evening

Despite the unfavorable weather, the monthly concert and dance given last night at the auspices of St. Andrew's society at the A.O.U.W. hall, proved a great success nearly one hundred couples being present. After the concert, at which a splendid programme of instrumental and vocal numbers was rendered, President P. J. Riddell, on behalf of the society, presented Mrs. Manson with a handsome souvenir as a slight expression of the appreciation of her many acts of kindness towards the society. Refreshments were served shortly before midnight after which dancing was continued until an early hour.

Among those who participated in the programme were: Bagpipe selection, Edward Wishard; songs, by James Taylor, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Butler, Mr. Waddington, Alexander Herbinson, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor; flute selection, Mr. and Mrs. Knott; club swinging, William Moir; piano selections, Miss Florence Angus; violin selection, Mr. Dobson; selections by the pipe band, Miss Thain's orchestra supplied the dance music.

PLUNGED TO DEATH

Butcher's Delivery Horse Dashes Over Embankment Into Harbor

Dashing over the embankment on Belleville street a few feet east of the J. B. A. club house, a butcher's delivery rig, the property of Porter & Sons, plunged into the bay shortly before noon yesterday. Though there were several people in the immediate vicinity it was impossible to rescue the animal before it was drowned. The driver of the vehicle was engaged in delivering the firm's wares and had left the horse standing outside a Menzies street residence. The reins had been tied too tightly to the rig and the horse in fidgeting about became excited. It finally worked the reins free and started along the road towards Belleville street at full speed. At the corner of Menzies street and Belleville street the animal attempted to turn but the momentum gained carried it obliquely over the sidewalk and down the embankment the speed being accelerated on the incline rendering it impossible for the animal to stop. The beast plunged into the water where it was held by the heavy rig to which it was attached. It was near high tide and no effort could be made to get the carcass and rig out until the water lowered.

ENTERTAINED CAMPAIGNERS

Mutiny Veterans Tell of the Siege and Relief of Lucknow

The members of the British Campaigners' association were very pleasantly entertained last evening by the members of the Imperial Service club at their rooms upon Government street. Songs were contributed by Messrs. Dennison, Evans, C. Winkel, Pomeroy, Harrison and Beaven. While recitations were given by the Mutiny veterans, Mr. George Millett, and by Capt. Curtis, R.N. Mr. Millett, who was one of the beleaguered men in Lucknow, recited "Jessie Brown's Dream." Mr. Millett, who was born at Castle Donnington, in Leicestershire, served throughout the dreadful period of the Mutiny, in the Fighting Fifth Northumberland Fusiliers. The siege lasted from the 8th of May until the 17th of the following November, when Lucknow was relieved by Sir Colin Campbell, and his Highlanders. The troops in Lucknow consisted of the 32nd Regiment, a few of the 61st Regiment and one wing of the 5th Northumberland Fusiliers. Col. Lawrence, a brother of the celebrated Sir John Lawrence, who at the beginning of the siege, was in command, dying not long afterwards from his wounds, was succeeded by Col. Inglis, of the Royal Engineers. Mr. Millett states that the Highlanders' solemn oath to stay a rebel for every hair in the head of Gen. Wheeler's daughter, who was horribly maltreated and then murdered, was quite or almost literally redeemed.

ORPHANAGE BOARD

Meets to Elect Officers and Strike Committees

The first meeting of the recently elected managers of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage was held yesterday at the city hall for the purpose of completing their organization in accordance with the bylaws.

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Committee of Ladies for 1938

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Representing the Congregational church—Miss Flora Braik, Mrs. A. Vigilius, Mrs. William Scrowcroft, Mrs. D. Sprague.

Representing the Methodist churches—Mrs. John Tsague, Mrs. R. Croft, Mrs. F. W. McCulloch, Mrs. N. Shakespear.

Representing the Presbyterian churches—Mrs. T. Fell, Mrs. Latimer, Mrs. D. Miller, Mrs. William Munroe.

Representing the Reformed Episcopal church—Mrs. W. R. Higgins, Mrs. K. Huckell, Mrs. J. Langley, Mrs. G. A. McTavish.

Shop Breaker's Fate

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Thomas O'Brien, an alleged shop-breaker, arrested on Sunday night after falling from the third storey window of a front street warehouse, which it was alleged he was robbing, died in the hospital this afternoon. His injuries, received in falling upon a pile of glass, were such as to make recovery impossible from the first.

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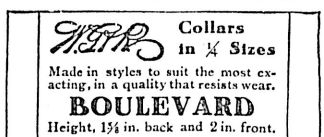
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A QUESTION OF LOYALTY.

In the course of an article dealing with the causes of Mr. Templeman's defeat, which by the way seems to be magnified beyond precedent, the Regina Leader uses this expression: "It is a sign—and a welcome sign—that the Colonist itself at any rate hates to be considered as lacking in loyalty." An expression of this kind is calculated to provoke a retort the reverse of courteous, but as it discloses a point of view which we think deserves very serious consideration we shall consider it seriously. We invite the Regina paper to follow its observations to their logical conclusion. And first we will ask it if it will tell us, when it speaks of loyalty, to whom or what does it consider that loyalty to be due?

The Colonist's appreciation of loyalty is not that it is due to any man or set of men, who may happen to be in power at any time, not to any line of policy which any set of men, whether they constitute the British or the Canadian government, may see fit to adopt. As between nations loyalty, as we understand it, calls for unity of sentiment and action on the part of the people of a country, no matter how much some of them may be opposed to the policy which the government of the country has adopted. To state an extreme case, we feel that every British subject is bound by loyalty to defend his country, as best he is able, in time of war, although he may not concur in the policy of his government which has brought about that war. But as far as the relation between the people of the British Empire and the government of the day is concerned, no loyalty whatever is due as far as relates to questions of policy. For example, a Canadian might be ready to fight for his country in a war precipitated by the policy of the government, but he ought, if he disapproved of that policy, to take the first convenient opportunity of expressing in a constitutional way that disapproval.

Let us apply this principle to the concrete case under consideration, namely, the treaty with Japan. If by reason of that treaty the British Empire should become involved in war, it would be the duty of every citizen of the Empire, capable of bearing arms, to go to its defence, if his services were needed, and this quite apart from whatever his views might be as to the expediency of that treaty. Pending the existence of that treaty, there is no existing obligation on the part of any Canadian or any other citizen of the Empire to remain content with the treaty and not to agitate for its abrogation, its alteration or its interpretation in such a way as he may think the most favorable to his own part of the Empire, or to the Empire as a whole.

Hence, as under that treaty the Japanese have the right of free entry into Canada, every Canadian has the privilege to use every means in his power to have that right annulled, restricted or altered in any way that he thinks would be best for the country, and no question of loyalty arises in connection therewith.

Hence also, two plans of action having been open to the Dominion government at the time the Japanese treaty was presented, namely to ratify the treaty as it stood or to ask for the inclusion of a provision similar to the Queensland protocol, and the government having chosen the former course, it was open for the people of Canada on the first opportunity that presented itself, to express their opinion as to the wisdom of that course, without any question of their loyalty being raised, and the electors of the city of Victoria having chosen to express their disapproval of that course, no one has a right to charge them with being disloyal to Imperial interests, or to go further and lay at their doors a general charge of disloyalty. We think we have made this abundantly clear.

There is another aspect of the case, and to make it plain we shall attempt to define of what in our opinion loyalty consists. It consists in a personal devotion to the land in which we live, whether that land is considered only as a province, a Dominion or as a world-encircling Empire; in a personal determination to maintain unimpaired the institutions of the country; in fidelity to the laws; in a determination on the part of each individual to transmit to his descendants and to all those who come after him, and whose trustees he is, unimpaired, as far as he is able the country in which he lives with all the privileges, prospects and advantages which he himself enjoys, and in fidelity to his sovereign as the representative of the government and as the personal expression thereof, as far as this fidelity does not involve a departure from the other principles above set out. Avow-

ing such principles as these, the Colonist believes it to be the duty of every British subject to investigate as best he can the questions involved in Oriental immigration, and to act upon his matured judgment arrived at after such investigation. We are confident that such an investigation will show that no man can, consistently with loyalty to his country, its people or its institutions favor the immigration of Oriental people into Canada. There are some Asiatic races, whose influx into the country would be less to be dreaded than that of others; but the Japanese are to be feared most of all. The population of Japan is increasing at the rate of nearly, if not quite, a million a year. There is no place to which this great annual surplus would like to go more than to Canada, and if they once had free entry into the Dominion, they would speedily occupy the land. This great country, which commands the North Pacific ocean would, under a policy of unrestricted immigration, speedily become overrun with Japanese, and it would only be a very short time before there would be a conflict of races, which might imperil the very existence of the British Empire. In such a conflict the Japanese would be on the ground here, and be numerically superior to the white population, for a white population will not go into a country into which the yellow races are freely flowing. Nor would this effect be confined to British Columbia alone, for the Japanese tide would soon find its way to the prairies, and the great interior provinces, which we are told will become the seat of a Greater Britain, would soon become a Greater Japan. We are not indulging in any mere imaginings. We are speaking of what every one knows would be the case, who has given the matter serious consideration. British Columbia is interposing herself between an influx of Japanese which, if uncontrolled, would sweep over the prairies like an ocean tide.

But we will be told that the Lemieux agreement restricts such immigration. This we have never denied, but the Lemieux agreement was not an issue in British Columbia. The issue was first the ratification of the Japanese treaty as it stood, and second the attitude of Sir Wilfrid Laurier as expressed in his Russell House speech. The people of British Columbia never had an opportunity to pronounce upon these things, and they took the first constitutional occasion of doing so that arose. For such an action no apology is necessary. Any other course would have been unpatriotic. If the action of the government and the views of the Premier had been endorsed we would have heard nothing of disloyalty. And may we ask the Regina paper, why no such charge is preferred against the people of Australia, who have taken even a more advanced stand than the people of British Columbia.

We have discussed this matter at some length because it seems right that the case, as it presents itself to a majority of the people of this province, should not be misunderstood.

MR. MACKINDER'S VIEWS.

Mr. Halford John Mackinder is Director of the London School of Economic and Political Science, and he has been telling the people of London in a lecture that the Empire is in danger because of an unconscious drift on the part of the younger generation of Canadians towards independence, and the temptation to give the United States commercial terms, which in the end would lead to political union. We think that Mr. Mackinder ought to have informed himself better before expressing such views. If he understood commercial and other conditions on the North American Continent, as we have a right to suppose a professor of economics and political science would understand them, he would have learned that there is nothing in the alleged tendency towards independence which need interfere with the continuation of the Dominion as a part of the Empire. One would suppose that familiarity with the history of Canada would show that, in proportion as the political ties between the Mother Country and the Dominion have been relaxed, the stronger have grown those other ties, which though intangible are very real and infinitely stronger than anything that can be expressed by a statute or an order in council. If Mr. Mackinder had informed himself as to the facts, he would have learned that years ago, when it was proposed that the people of the British North American provinces should have responsible government, there were timid souls who saw in the demand for it the entering wedge which was to split this country from the Empire. The fears of the Mackinders of those days were groundless, and so are those that are expressed today from the chair of Economics and Political Science. If Mr. Mackinder had familiarized himself with the working of the former reciprocity treaty with the United States he would learn that so far from the freedom of commercial intercourse thereby created having begotten a sentiment in favor of political union, the result was quite the other way.

There are a good many people who are unnecessarily exercising themselves nowadays about the future of Canada as a part of the Empire. For ourselves we do not profess to be able to see any further ahead than any one else, but we do make a practice of looking backwards occasionally, and we endeavor to form some idea of what the future will be from what the past has been. These frequent retrospects lead us to regard the future with confidence, and cause us to

cherish the belief that in some way, that is no more clear to us than the ways of the past were to our fathers, the problems of Empire will be solved as they arise in a manner which will promote its welfare, and preserve it to be, what it unquestionably is, a nation in which human liberty finds its best expression.

A CORRECTION.

It was almost inevitable that in the preparation of such a large issue as the Jubilee Edition of the Colonist, some inaccuracies would occur. In a part of the edition an error occurred in regard to the Tye Smelter, and although this has been corrected in the remaining copies printed, it is desirable, we think, to make a correction here, so that it will come under the notice of all Colonist readers. In the article on Ladysmith it is stated that "it is months since the furnaces were in blast." The fact is that the Tye Smelter has been almost continually in operation since September, and is in full blast today, although there has been a short period of rest. We understand that the disbursements of the Company in connection with the Smelter will by the end of the year not be far short of the \$100,000, and that the shipments of ore now coming forward and promised are such that the Company expects to keep the Smelter going continuously hereafter. In another place it was said that "the Tye Copper Company has long been most assiduously seeking to obtain sufficient ore to keep its smelter at Ladysmith in operation, but has not succeeded in doing so." The latter part of this statement is incorrect and we substitute for it a note by the Provincial Mineralogist, which we take from the report of the Victoria Board of Trade for the current year: "Tye, The Company's smelter at Ladysmith, under the management of Mr. W. J. Watson, has been run almost continuously during the year on custom ores from various parts of the Coast Districts, supplemented by ores from Mexico." We need not say how greatly we regret these inaccuracies but, as has been said above, a few errors were inevitable.

Germany launched a new "Dreadnought" on Saturday, but the Kaiser did not make a speech. Had he spoken, however, his remarks would, we are sure, have been worth listening to.

The Grand Trunk Pacific expects to have its rails into Edmonton in March. That city will then be on the line of three transcontinental railways. Certainly these are days of great development.

The House of Lords has given a slight setback to the movement of women to gain the suffrage, by deciding that women graduates of the Scottish universities are not entitled to vote for the university member of parliament. So women are not "persons."

It is said that very shortly airships will be running on regular schedules conveying passengers from point to point in competition with the railways. Well, this will afford at least one method of getting out of the way of the scorching automobilist.

A large party of farm laborers and domestic servants have just left Scotland for Canada. They will be warmly welcomed and will, we are sure, get on well in the Dominion. We have room for thousands more of them and we trust that British Columbia will get its share of this class of immigrants.

Notwithstanding the full and frank statements of the Colonist in regard to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's remarks, the Times reiterates its charge of misquotation. We shall make no further observations on the subject and only make this one so that Colonist readers may understand what we have to put up with.

The announcement that the Admiralty has ordered the cruisers Cambrian and Flora, detached from the Australian and China squadrons, respectively, for a visit to the southern ports on the Pacific coast of South America, possesses a special local interest, inasmuch as it raises the hope that we may shortly see these vessels in these waters. It is only a comparatively short run from South America to Esquimaux.

A London dispatch says that parliament will prorogue in the course of the next few days. It has been a most abortive session. The collapse of the Government's two most pretentious, most carefully prepared measures within a few days of each other, together with the Liberal defeat in the Middlesex bye-election, fortifies the assertion that the Liberals have lost the country's confidence and justifies the elation shown by the Conservative politicians and press.

The Bishop of Birmingham in an address a few days ago made an interesting reference to Britain's problem in India. He said views of politicians and statesmen had changed extraordinarily during the last ten years with regard to missionary work. The India office was, he said, profoundly impressed with the conviction that unless we could get a basis for human brotherhood and common sympathy between Englishmen and the people of India neither our empire nor our civilization could last.

The announcement that the C.P.R. is contemplating the construction of two additional steamers to be operated from Victoria to northern ports furnishes eloquent testimony of the growth of shipping in these waters and the enterprising policy of the greatest transportation company in the world.

It is indicative of another thing—that Victoria cannot begin a moment too soon to take steps to improve its dock accommodation. Private initiative has done much already and will no doubt do more, but it is imperative that something in the nature of a public enterprise should supplement these efforts.

An engineer formerly engaged in the construction of the Panama canal under the French regime, takes the gloomiest view of the prospects for the success of the undertaking, predicting "the greatest disaster of the kind in history." This gentleman has either spoken too late or else he does not know what he is talking about. That much seems obvious. The United States has the money to complete the huge job, it is employing the most skilled talent obtainable in the world, and most people will be inclined to think it will achieve success, until the supreme test has established failure.

General Swayne, governor of British Honduras, finds the Hindus domiciled in this province unwilling to emigrate to his territory, and therefore advises that they be allowed to remain here if they so desire. This is exactly the line of action which the Colonist urged should be taken, and indeed it was so obvious that we could never understand how any other view could have been held. Our Ottawa correspondent informed us yesterday that the total Hindu immigration to Canada this year has been six, compared with 2,623 last year, so it will be seen that we have little to fear from any further influx of laborers of that class. All negotiations with the few who are now in the country should therefore cease and they should be given to understand that they are welcome to engage in whatever pursuits for which they may be fitted. The whole situation will right itself very speedily if left absolutely alone.

It is reported from Dawson that two new companies which have just been organized promise to rival the Guggenheims in the number of dredges which they will operate. Ample capital is said to have been subscribed for the enterprise by a syndicate of mining men of Kansas City, and it is proposed to install a joint power plant to drive twenty dredges. This is the very best evidence that the famous Yukon gold fields are far from being "worked out." The day of the individual miner has pretty well passed, so far as present discoveries go, but a combination of science and enterprise in the task of winning gold from Mother Earth's treasure vaults will for a long period furnish remunerative employment to large bodies of men.

The Unionists, already discounting the approaching dissolution of the Asquith cabinet, are beginning to make promises to the country as to what they will do when they return to power. In a recent speech, Mr. George Wyndham outlined the party's tariff views. The Unionists' programme, Mr. Wyndham said, would include a duty of two shillings (48 cents) on wheat, with a preference to Canada; no duty on wool and a small duty on wood. It was, he said, unnecessary to tax wool, since five times as much wool came from British possessions as from elsewhere abroad. Wood should be taxed, not for Canada's sake, since it was already satisfied with the preference on wheat, but for purposes of income, as well as to encourage afforestation at home. For the moment, declared the speaker, this would be sufficient and the party would wait to see the extent of United States tariff reform before it went any further.

In Canada, as in Australia, the dominant note was loyalty—"Sir Horace Tozer, agent for Queensland, at the Imperial Colonial Club, London. It is quite the fashion nowadays for all public men visiting or returning to Great Britain after a tour of the Colonies to place themselves on record as believing that the people who dwell in the overseas domains are "loyal." Canadians are getting just a little bit tired of this constant insistence on a fact which cannot be made more of a fact by re-statement. We do not consider it necessary when referring to the people who dwell in the British Isles, to say that we believe they are loyal. Why, then, should one section of the British people be singled out for debate as to their fidelity to the Crown? We are sure that the people of Canada at all events would be better pleased if their loyalty were taken for granted occasionally; and statesmen who are working for the consolidation of the Empire would make more progress in their task if they took this into consideration.

In the exceedingly interesting interview which we had with Mr. Dennis, of the C.P.R., yesterday, that gentleman mentioned a number of things which are worthy of more than passing attention. He was much disappointed he said at the small number of immigrants from the British Isles compared with those from other points in Europe and from the United States. The C.P.R. was, however, putting forth the most energetic efforts to arouse a greater degree of interest in Canada in the Old Country, and to this end had engaged an expert who is now delivering a series of illustrated lectures there. He mentioned that the company was in receipt of a great many earnest letters of enquiry in reference to the resources and attractions of British Columbia and looked forward to a very large influx of settlers at no distant date. That the C.P.R. has a special reason for encouraging immigration to this province will be understood when it is mentioned that aside from the E. & N. and grant upon this island, the company holds 5,000,000 acres of good land in British Columbia chiefly in the southern part of the interior. Mr. Dennis concluded by predicting that at no distant day the balance of population in the Dominion would lie to the westward of the Great Lakes, a statement which will find ready acceptance amongst all who have knowledge of the great area and marvellous resources of the territory designated.

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Useful little Book Stands for table use—they'll hold about 10 or a dozen books.

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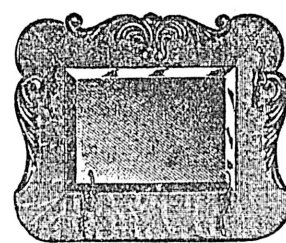
Feminine Folk have been loud in their praises of this special showing of Mexican Linen Drawn Work on our second floor. And we think it is merited. The showing is an unusual one.

It offers suggestions for Xmas Gifts for Women—especially for those who delight in having dainty homes.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

According to a recently published table, the expenses of the party campaigns in the United States since 1868 have been as hereunder. The money power is great in war and it almost seems to be great in politics among our neighbors. Even assuming that the published returns include all the cost of the several campaigns, the figures are startling.

	Republicans	Democrats
1868	\$ 32,000	\$ 16,049
1872	53,500	10,700
1876	202,300	12,000
1880	235,400	75,970
1884	278,200	299,600
1888	288,900	182,970
1892	642,000	502,900
1896	1,284,000	144,450
1900	3,033,000	128,400
1904	1,070,700	267,500

All accounts agree that the Kaiser feels very keenly the humiliation which he has recently been made to suffer before the eyes of the entire world. The papers which come to us from many sources are full of reports of how His Majesty is showing his displeasure at his lowered position as a figure in international affairs. A Berlin correspondent, writing under date of December 10 says:

According to the weekly satirical review of the Reich, the Kaiser's seclusion is due to deep depression consequent upon the recent crisis. It says His Majesty is passing through a series of soul storms of the most violent character and that he is unable to regain his composure. He takes long, lonely rides on horseback in the woods of his Potsdam estate, brooding upon his unpopularity and speculating as to means to bring about a reconciliation with his subjects. His relations with Chancellor von Buelow, which were formerly very intimate, extending to his using the Prince's Christian name, are now very cool and the Kaiser addresses the Chancellor as "Your Serenity Highness." Other versions of the Kaiser's seclusion are current, some of the papers suggesting that he is deranged. An official denial was given today to the Dresden Nachrichten's assertion that he spends several hours a day in bed and that he frequently displays unusually conspicuous manifestations of pique.

The Metropolitan Psychic Society, of New York, is assuredly, as its name implies, engaged in a very serious work, but on the principle that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," it has arranged to get some amusement as it goes along with its task. Thus a correspondent writes under date of December 11:

Confident that she can prove herself a real medium between the spirit world and this mundane sphere, Mrs. J. T. Martin, of Plymouth, Eng., has written a letter to the Metropolitan Psychic Society here claiming the \$5,000 reward it offers. Mrs. Martin's communication was received by Secretary Davis, of the society. Mr. Davis has replied to it setting forth the details of the preliminary test which the society applies to every applicant for the money, and asking her to start on it at once. If Mrs. Martin passes the first examination she will be put to the final test. If she passes that the money will be hers. The society's test consists of telling the names of three small articles which Secretary Davis places in a box in his office. The final test consists of telling the number of oranges he will pour out of a big bag on to some cotton packing and pack up without counting them or ascertaining in any way how many there are. The cotton packing is used to prevent the slightest chance of the noise when the oranges are poured out betraying to a skilled ear the number of them.

It is decidedly flattering to Canadians to know that the young men of this country who achieve distinction in any of the professions are received with open arms in the United States, and it is really surprising to learn of the number of such people who are today occupying positions of the greatest prominence in the republic to the south. The University of Missouri has just chosen a "blue-nose" for its president. A press dispatch from Columbia, Mo., reads:

Columbia was decorated in black and gold, the university colors, today, marking the inauguration of a new president of the University of Missouri Dr. Albert Ross Hill, who has been a member of the university faculty the past five years.

The formal installation of Dr. Hill was attended by interesting exercises in which distinguished educators, state officials and others took part. Many alumni and friends were present, including parties from St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph and other cities of Missouri. The principal features of the inauguration programme were an address by President J. G. Schurmann, of Cornell University and the inaugural address of Dr. Hill. The new president of the University of Missouri is a forty years old man, a native of Nova Scotia. He graduated from Dalhousie University in 1892, and from Cornell University in 1905. He studied also in the universities of Heidelberg, Berlin and Strassburg. For two years he was professor of psychology and education in the Wisconsin State Normal school at Oshkosh. In 1897 he joined the faculty of the University of Nebraska, where he remained until he came to Columbia in 1903 to become professor of educational psychology and dean of the Teachers' college of the University of Missouri.

The Simple Life on Christmas Island. The experiences that have just fallen to the lot of the passengers, officers and crew of the Aeon, which was wrecked on a coral reef on Christmas Island, in the Pacific ocean, remind us, says the Standard of Empire, that it is still necessary to find quiet places on the earth's surface undisturbed by the over-population which troubles so many civilized countries. The new Cruisers were lucky to find a good supply of water, ready filtered for their use by its passage through a ridge of white sand. They had plenty of food, were able to erect huts, and even to improvise a launch from a lifeboat fitted with an oil engine and a battery in which the captain and other officers contrived to re-establish communication with the outer world. After a voyage of 200 miles altogether they made an excellent best of what might easily have been a very bad business, and probably be none the worse for their couple of months of enforced rest cure.

FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Wednesday, December 16, 1863.

Tea Meeting.—The Wesleyans of the city and friends generally, held their annual tea meeting yesterday evening at St. Nicholas hall. The room was filled to repletion with ladies and gentlemen and a large number of younger ones—probably three hundred persons all told. Everybody present appeared to appreciate the sociable gathering very much. The tea was a tea, supper and dinner all combined, we might almost say, for the tables were most liberally filled with cold meats, fruits, cakes, tea and coffee and withal were most tastefully laid out. To preside at each table were lady members of the congregation and to the ladies must be attributed much of the success of the evening's gathering; the various denominations in town were well represented by members, and all seemed to harmonize one with the other most cordially. After the tables were pretty well cleared, the choir, with Mr. Wilson presiding at the harmonium, gave some well-chosen quartettes and choruses. The pieces sung were rendered alternately with remarks from the pastor of the congregation, Mr. Russ, Mr. J. E. MacMillan (Morning News), Rev. Thomas Somerville, of the Church of Scotland, who seems to be a strong advocate of woman's rights. An article in the last number of the Westminster Review entirely accords with his views on the subject. Dr. Dickson and A. R. Robertson also addressed the meeting.

Council Dinner.—His Excellency the Governor, will entertain the members of the legislative Council at dinner this evening.

ABOUT PEOPLE

The Archbishop of Cape Town is appointed, says the Manchester Guardian, by a method which is new and very different from that of the mother church at home; he was only adopted four years ago, and is now being used for the first time. There is an elective assembly for the province, and it is this body, composed of bishops, clergy, and laity, sitting in separate houses, that chooses the archbishop. The clergy have the power of initiative and, as there is no organization of selection in the field of choice, it is pretty wild. But a lead is given informally by the Diocesan chapter. Having made their choice, the clergy submit it to the House of Laity. An appointment can be made only if two-thirds of the votes recorded in the House of Laity are in favor; the nomination is then referred to a select committee of the House of Bishops. But two-thirds of the votes are against it. But even a two-thirds majority in favor of a nomination does not necessarily carry election. The Synod of Bishops may veto the decision of the Elective assembly. In that case, or in the case of a deadlock between the Houses of Clergy and Laity, the election could have to begin all over again. If an agreement were not reached within twenty-eight days there would then be a reference to an English court, consisting of the Archbishop of Canterbury and four other bishops resident in Great Britain, two nominated by the Cape Bishops and two by the Elective assembly. This is probably the most democratic form for the election of a metropolitan that the Church of England has ever yet seen.

"Carmen Sylva," the Queen of Roumania, has just added to her long list of charities by transforming a castle in Germany, which she inherited from her mother, into a home for poor artists and authors. There is probably, says "M. A. P." no other royal lady in Europe who does so much for the poor as does "Carmen Sylva," and she is simply idolized all over Roumania. Some time ago she started a novel form of charity. She gave orders for an issue of "charity stamps" to be used for the benefit of the numerous institutions in which she is interested. On each of these stamps there is a picture of the Queen, the one she seen visiting the sick; in another, working at her loom, and so on. The stamps are available only for inland postage, and are naturally in great demand among philatelists. At the present time, when so many women are revolting against the "tyranny of man," a Queen's view on marriage will prove interesting. But it is worth noting that "Carmen Sylva" has a word to say in favor of the much-maligned husband. "A standing complaint among women," she says, "is that husbands have no appetite, they are taciturn or sarcastic in their society. If men compelled their wives to swallow the very bad indigestibles some men are treated to, and also the ill-natured remarks, scoldings, complaints, and assurances of contempt my sisters are in the habit of spouting forth at meal-time, the number of female dyspeptics would be vastly larger than it is now."

One of our Paris contemporaries recently discovered an old man named Bonville, a resident of Berck, who states that he was present at St. Helena at the removal of the body of Napoleon in 1840. The veteran is known among his fellows as "le vieux Bonville," either because he is always talking of the prince, who commanded the Belle Poule, or possibly it may be a play upon his name of Bonville. His account was most circumstantial; he had seen the cadaver of the great man, he remembered "le bout de son nez," the treatment of the old man led to investigation, and it seems that in the record of those present on the 14th and 15th of October Bonville's name is not to be found. Moreover, the nose was the only portion of the fallen Emperor which showed the effect of nineteen years' sequestration.

A good story is told in Berlin of how the Crown Princess applied in person at a certain shop for the post of model in the dressmaking department, which she thought would suit a protégée of hers. She entered the shop, and the man, and she said to the proprietor, "I came," he said, "because I saw your advertisement, and I thought—" The proprietor laid his hand on her shoulder, and said kindly, "My dear girl, I'm sorry, but it's no good, you haven't the figure for the place. I'll tell you what I'll do. Come again in a month or so and I'll see if I can find you a place as junior saleswoman. This, of course, provided your references are all right." The consternation of the good man upon discovering the identity of his visitor was only equalled by the tact and kindness of the Princess, who soon made him forget his discomfiture in sincere admiration of her charming and amiable manner.

Wasn't greasy dishes, pots or pans with Lever's Dry Soap a powder. It will remove the grime with the greatest ease. 24

BRITISH OPINION

The terms of the government's new Irish Land Bill (writes the Daily Mail) have been anxiously awaited in view of the fact that upon them will largely depend the price of all British securities in the immediate future. Mr. Birrell's statement in the House of Commons yesterday will not be warmly welcomed by the city, as it indicates that further heavy demands will be made upon the British taxpayer and upon British credit. Moreover, the annual flotation of loans for five or ten millions must depress the value of all gilt-edged securities. The low figure at which consols stand at the present moment may be due in part to general anxiety produced by the government's financial policy, but beyond any doubt a contributing cause has been the issue of Irish land stock. The demand for gilt-edged securities is very limited. If the amount offered be increased the price will fall, obeying the law of supply and demand. The British state, the municipalities and all who borrow in the gilt-edged market must pay more for loans in consequence, and the credit of the nation be correspondingly affected. The price of cheap land for the Irish peasant is thus cheap consols and dear money for England.

The Morning Post says: The government is entitled to make sympathetic view of the evident difficulties of the problem, but how far their efforts to find a solution and to reconcile different and often divergent interests will be approved is another question. They have apparently refused to adopt any of the various expedients proposed for finding the money so as rapidly to complete existing agreements. Mr. Birrell says that the output of the land commission will be increased, but that the treasury will not issue stock on terms involving loss at a greater rate than five millions a year. Landlords, however, with pending agreements may receive the whole or part of their money in stock subject to certain conditions. The declaration that will cause most satisfaction is the announcement that the losses on flotation of land stock will be borne by the Imperial exchequer, but this arrangement apparently only applies to existing agreements, and Mr. Wyndham's charge of a lack of generosity on the part of the government regarding future transactions will probably be widely supported by all who are anxious for the welfare of Ireland. No impartial student of history can deny that the people of this country owe a heavy debt to their fellow-citizens in Ireland, but self-interest, no less than obligations of honor, points to the wisdom of liberality in promoting a rapid settlement of Irish troubles. It may be doubted whether Mr. Birrell's proposals for dealing with land purchase in the future are calculated to further his declared desire to hasten the progress of the movement. Possibly the government, in view of the difficulty of financing land purchase, may not be unwilling to see the movements developing at a slower speed. At any rate there is certainly a danger that the alteration in the terms of payment will arouse strong opposition and vastly augment the difficulty of arranging agreements, for the landlords who have not yet sold are not likely to be willing to accept lower terms than those hitherto offered, especially since land has risen in value as the amount available is diminished.

The finance of land purchase is (in the opinion of the "Daily News") an intricate problem, but the plight of the congested West makes an immediate appeal to our sympathies. The picture of these hillside slums, where cottars scratch among the stones of their narrow holdings in the effort to raise a famine ration, while graziers grow rich by pasturing cattle on the grass lands at their feet, has burned itself upon the conscience of England. Rack-rented and miserably housed, these Western peasants live only by cutting the harvests of Scottish farms or depend on the wages of their children in the States. We know how successful has been the work of the Congested Districts Board wherever it has managed to buy an estate. It has enlarged the holdings, exacted from the larger holdings a purchase instalment lower than the original rent, rebuilt the mud hovels, and taught the peasants fishery and stock-raising, while providing them with seed and improving the breed of their animals. Two essentials were needed to complete this work—money to buy more estates and the right of compulsory purchase. Both these boons Mr. Birrell's Bill will provide. It may mean that there will be fewer fat cattle and more prosperous peasants in Connaught. That is a policy which no Liberal Government need hesitate to avow.

Rarely have more weighty words of warning been addressed to any people (says the "Daily Express") than those spoken yesterday by Lord Roberts, primarily to the House of Lords, but actually to the British nation. Lord Roberts reminded the members of the maritime States whose citizens have refused to undertake the personal individual sacrifices necessary to ensure the safety of their country. It is painful to think that while every young German and every young Frenchman serves almost always with cheerful forces, and thus renders himself able at all subsequent times of emergency to play his part in efficient defence, we are willing to leave the defence of our country to a small professional army and to a half-trained body of territorialists, consisting of the few men with the patriotic patriotism to undertake the obligations that should be undertaken by all. The utter failure of the territorial army is proof sufficient that unadulterated voluntarism can never provide us with the home defence army which is necessary to our national existence.

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Mrs. A. Thompson, Seattle.
James Christie, Greece.
J. Rounhill, Vancouver.
R. A. Jacobson, Calgary.
F. H. Hardy, Montreal.
A. V. Porter, Nanaimo.
Mrs. J. Black and family, Ladysmith.
M. E. Payne, Vancouver.
Isaac P. Callahan, Seattle.
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H. W. Winkle, Vancouver.
W. Winkle, Vancouver.
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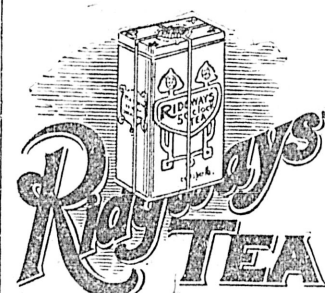
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NOTICE

Legislative Assembly PRIVATE BILLS.

Excerpt from Rules and Orders Relating to Private Bills.

All applications for Private Bills, properly the subject of legislation by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, within the purview of the "British North America Act" require a notice, specifying the nature and object of the application and persons interested generally the location of the work, and signed by or on behalf of the applicants.

Such notice to be published in the British Columbia Gazette, and one newspaper published in the district affected, and if no such newspaper is published therein, then in a newspaper in the next nearest district in which a newspaper is published.

Such notice shall be continued in each case for a period of at least six weeks, during the interval of time between the close of the last session of the House and the consideration of the petition.

No petition is received by the House after the first ten days of the session, nor may any private bill be presented to the House after the first day of the session. The failure to comply with any report of any committee upon Private Bill be received after the first four weeks of the session.

This rule may only be suspended upon motion following a report of the Private Bills Committee, and if suspended double fees are payable. Eight clear days before the first day of the session the applicant is to pay to the clerk of the House fees and deposit with the same time two hundred copies of the bill, a copy of the petition duly signed, and a copy of the published notice. The failure to comply with the above necessitates the payment of double fees.

Before any petition praying for leave to bring in a Private Bill for the erection of a Toll Bridge, is received by the House, the petitioner or persons intending to petition for such bill shall, upon giving the notice prescribed by the rules, also at the same time and in the same manner, give notice of any rates which they intend to ask, the extent of the privilege, the height of the arches, the interval between the abutments or piers for the passage of rafts and vessels, and mentioning also whether they intend to erect a draw-bridge or not, and the dimensions of the same.

All Private Bills for Acts of Incorporation shall be accompanied by a corporate by reference to the clauses of the General Acts relating to the details to be provided for by such bills. Special ground shall be established for any proposed departure from this principle, or for the introduction of other provisions as to such details, and a note shall be appended to the bill indicating the provisions thereof which the General Act is proposed to be departed from. Bills which are not framed in accordance with this rule shall be rejected by the promoters on foot of their expense before any committee passes upon the clauses.

All Private Bills shall be prepared by the parties applying for the same, and must be in small print, twenty-six lines by fifty lines, on good paper, in Imperial octavo form, each page when folded measuring 10 1/2 by 7 1/2 inches. The bill shall be a marginal number every fifth line of each page; the numbering of the lines is not to run on through the bill, but the lines of each page are to be numbered separately. If amendments are made to any bill during its progress before the committee or through the House, such bill shall be reprinted by the promoters thereof.

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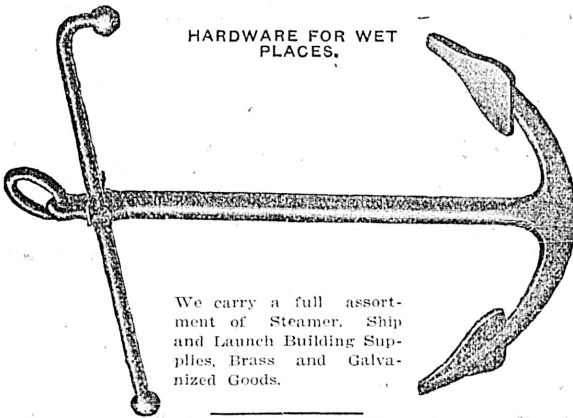
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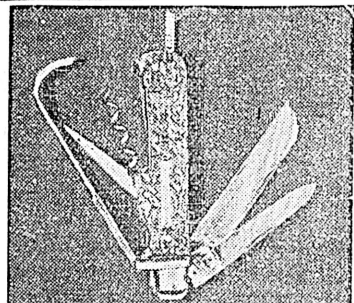


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NEWS OF THE CITY

Council of Board.
A meeting of the council of the board of trade may be held tomorrow morning.

Semi-Annual Exams.
The semi-annual examinations from entrance qualifications into the High-School, will commence this morning before E. B. Paul, city superintendent.

Not the Local Man.
The George A. Stoddart, cook on the steamer, Ohlpi, reported dead in Vancouver, is not a brother of Mr. Stoddart, of Yates street.

Executive Meeting
There was a meeting of the executive yesterday afternoon and there will be another today. The contract for the construction of the public improvements at Prince Rupert will probably be awarded today.

Building Permits Issued
Building permits were issued yesterday by the building inspector to W. J. Pendry for a workshop to be erected in connection with the B. C. Soap Works, Belleville street, at a cost of \$450, and to J. A. Scott for a stable to be erected on Meares street to cost \$150.

Christmas Decorations
Preparations are now under way in many of the business places of the city towards decorating the windows for the Christmas holidays. The empty windows at present presage a showing when the decorations are put in place.

Garrison Dramatic Club.
An entertainment will be given this evening by the Garrison Dramatic club at the Work Point theatre. It will be the first of a series and the curtain will be raised at 8.30 o'clock promptly. All members of the Imperial Service club are extended a cordial invitation.

Anglican Young People.
The Anglican Young People's association will hold a social gathering in St. John's hall this evening at 8 p.m. The members will be delighted to welcome any who may care to attend, especially strangers to the city, who have not yet had an opportunity of making friends.

Young Women Will Meet
The Young Woman's Club of the Metropolitan church will hold its regular missionary meeting in the lecture room of the church next Wednesday, December 16. Members are asked to bring contributions or distribution to the poor. A further discussion will be held on the book the members have been considering, Ruskin's "Sesame and Lilies."

Travel Is Light
The near approach of Christmas is being felt by the local ticket office, where until a week ago a veritable rush by those leaving for outside points was experienced. This rush has been attended to and now practically all those who intend spending the holidays out of the city, except those bound for nearby cities, are now on their way. From now until after the holidays travel will be very light as is always the case at this time of year.

In the Police Court
In the police court yesterday the Vied case was remanded until today, and the Bootab Singh stealing case put over until tomorrow, which will give the clerk a day to partially catch up with the extension of his short-handled notes. There have been a great many important cases lately which have entailed an enormous amount of extra work on him. An unfortunate woman was charged with vagrancy. She pleaded guilty and was given a month in jail.

New Officers Elected
The regular weekly meeting of the young people of the First Baptist church was held in Victoria hall last Monday. The special business of the meeting was election of officers for the ensuing six months. The new officers are: President, Miss Margaret Freeman; vice-president, W. Dinan; secretary, Miss E. C. Moore; treasurer, Miss W. Beckwith; organist, Mrs. R. W. Coleman; reporter, W. Russell; Miss M. Andrews, R. W. Coleman and A. Middleton were elected to serve on the executive committee. At the conclusion of the business the social committee served refreshments of coffee, cake, etc.

LONDON'S VOYAGE

In Trouble in the Solomon Group
Jack London, novelist, and wife, arrived at Sydney shortly before the Makura sailed, the Snark having gone ashore at Malaita island. She missed stays and a current put her on a reef. Natives, none of whom were in sight, then swarmed about the Snark, and threats to fire frightened them away. About 2,000 blacks gathered on the beach with all manner of weapons, and it seemed as if there would be trouble when a missionary arrived and with his vessel floated the Snark, which was left at the Solomon islands while London and his wife went to Sydney. The missionary had his house burned down by the natives in revenge for the assistance he gave. London went to Sydney to undergo a minor operation in the hospital there.

MINING AT NELSON

Former Managing Director of the Hall Mines, Ltd., Tells of the Property

The Hall Mines near Nelson are being worked by a syndicate headed by Mr. S. D. Dwyer, the mining engineer who was at one time in charge of the property for the company and who has during recent years from time to time leased the mine with good financial results. J. J. Campbell of Nelson, who for years was managing director of the Hall Mines Limited, is in town on private business and yesterday talked with a Colonist reporter about the mine which first helped to make Nelson known to the outside world. Mr. Campbell says that the big smelter, the large copper stack of which was at one time the biggest copper blast furnace in the continent is closed down at present. The reason is that the Trail smelter can take care of all the silver-lead ore shipped by the local mines, so the Nelson smelter finds that it cannot do business without cutting things to a point which makes profitable smelting out of the question. Mr. Campbell was in charge of the company's operations for a number of years, but has severed his connection with it. The mines are leased and the smelter shut down, leaving nothing for a financial manager to do. Mr. Campbell expects to be here for a few days.



THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 5 p. m., December 15, 1908:
SYNOPSIS.

The pressure remains low, on the British Columbia coast and the high area over the Pacific states is decreasing as the storm moves southward; these conditions have caused fresh easterly winds and gales on the straits and outside waters; moderate to heavy rains have fallen on the lower Mainland, Vancouver Island and in Western Oregon and Washington, and snow is falling at Salt Lake City; east of the Rockies a fresh high area is developing and the weather is chiefly cloudy and colder.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	34	42
Vancouver	36	42
New Westminster	35	40
Kamloops	18	28
Barkerville	8	22
Calgary, Alta.	6	32
Winnipeg, Man.	12	28
Portland, Ore.	26	44
San Francisco, Cal.	42	54

FORECASTS.
For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Wednesday:
Victoria and Vicinity: Southerly winds, unsettled with rain and not much change in temperature.
Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, stronger on the straits, unsettled with rain and not much change in temperature.

	Highest	Lowest
TUESDAY	42	37

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China and Japan
Closes—Dec. 9, 13, 20, 30.
Due—Dec. 3, 10, 14, 19, 23, 28.
Australia and New Zealand
Closes—Dec. 4, 13.
Due—Dec. 16.
Dawson, Atlin, White Horse, etc.
Closes—Dec. 1, 9, 13, 18, 25, 29, 30.
Due—Uncertain.
Port Simpson, Prince Rupert, etc.
Closes—1, 3, 14, 15, 22, 23.
Due—Dec. 4, 5, 16, 17, 24, 25, 26, 31.
West Coast Ports
Closes—Dec. 1, 10, 20.
Due—Dec. 5, 18, 27.
Albion
Closes—Via Nanaimo, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. By steamer, 1, 10, 20.
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Citizens' League Meets
A Citizens League committee meeting, having in view the selection of aldermanic candidates who would see eye to eye to them in reference to questions of moral and social reform, including local option, met last evening in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, and after some rather informal discussion which had no very definite results, adjourned at the call of the chair. Rev. A. J. Thompson was chairman, and among those present were: A. J. Pineo, Rev. G. W. Dean, J. Martin, Mrs. Spofford, A. J. Brace and R. W. Coleman.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Croft.
The funeral services in connection with the interment of the remains of the late Robert Croft took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Blanchard avenue. Rev. Mr. Holling officiated and the well known hymns, "Abide With Me" and "Jesus Lover of My Soul" were sung. A large number of friends gathered to pay their last respects to the memory of the deceased. Very many beautiful floral offerings were received. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Col. R. Wolfenden, George Cruikshank, J. Keith Wilson, E. E. Wootton, James Andrews and F. A. Grant.

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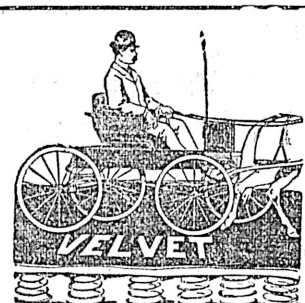
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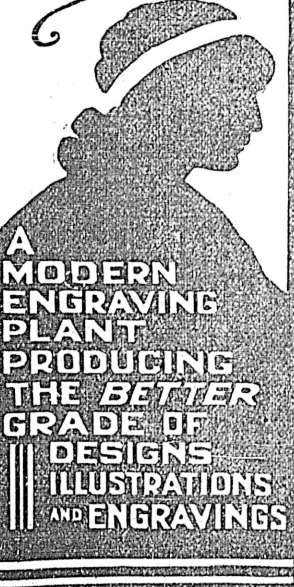
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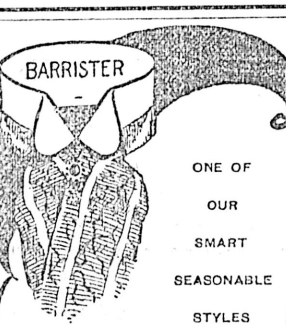
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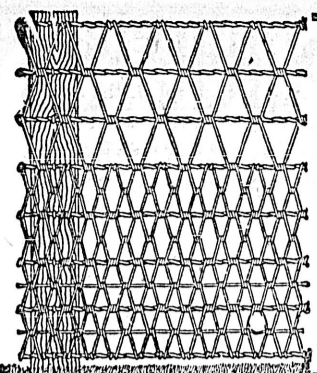


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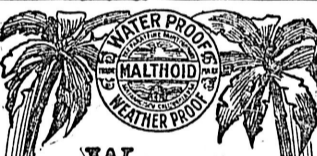
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TO URGE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING HARBOR

The Association Holds Annual
Meeting at City Hall—Re-
ceives Reports

The Inner Harbor association of Victoria, will urge upon the Dominion government the necessity of at once proceeding to carry out the recommendations made nearly three years ago by the Royal commission appointed to examine into the question of harbor improvements here. At the annual meeting of the association held yesterday afternoon in the council chamber of the city hall a resolution to the above effect was passed, the board of management being appointed a committee with power to add to its numbers to draw up a recommendation along the lines of the finding made by the Royal commission and this recommendation will be entrusted to G. H. Barnard, M.P., member-elect for Victoria, to submit to the federal authorities.

Thomas Sorby, secretary of the association, in making the suggestion that the above step be taken, briefly reviewed the progress of the association's work, pointed out the great necessity of the improvement work and the advantages which such will be to this city, making it a port such as it deserves to be adding to its importance as a commercial standpoint. The resolution submitted was passed unanimously. Incidentally great credit was given by Mr. Sorby to the colonist for its consistent policy of advancing the interests of the port of Victoria by its articles on harbor improvement in the chief ports of the world, indicating the great benefits which will accrue to this city should a comprehensive scheme of improvements as recommended in the finding of the Royal commission be pushed ahead. The annual report of the board of management to the members of the association was submitted and adopted as read.

Election of Officers
The election of officers resulted in the re-election of G. A. Kirk as chairman of the board of management; Thomas Sorby, as secretary and the following board of management: G. A. Kirk, Capt. W. Grant, J. A. Sayward, A. J. Bechtel, J. K. Rebeck, Capt. Troup and Thomas C. Sorby. The board, with the exception of Mr. Rebeck, who was elected to fill the place of the late Capt. Cox, is the same as that of last year. By Mr. Rebeck's election the tugboat interests are now represented on the board of management.

In thanking the members for his re-election as secretary Mr. Sorby briefly reviewed the efforts which have been made towards the comprehensive improvement of the harbor. He stated that the board should now appoint a committee to urge upon the federal government the necessity of following out the recommendations of the Royal commission. About twelve years ago he had compiled data on the subject of harbor improvement and at that time he estimated that to carry out a scheme of improvement along almost exactly the same lines as subsequently recommended by the Royal com-

mission, would cost about \$2,000,000. This included the purchase of the waterfront between the nearest streets and the water's edge. At that time the scheme could have been easily undertaken but since then values have increased and many interests involved which would doubtless call for a larger outlay but the results to be obtained would prove well worth the expenditure and unless undertaken on a proper scale the benefits to be secured would be greatly minimized. The money would be spent in securing the necessary lands, the required communication by rail to the harbor front and the necessary dredging and other operations to make Victoria a port in the fullest sense of the word. The government has already made a start and has appropriated \$100,000 but more must be done. The association should press the matter to the utmost and a resolution to that effect presented to Victoria's member to lay before the federal authorities would be the first step towards attaining the end sought for by all members of the association.

At Mr. Sorby's suggestion the meeting appointed the board of management a committee with power to add to its numbers to draw up a recommendation along the above lines and this will be done and submitted to the Dominion government through Mr. Barnard.

PRAIRIE RESIDENTS ARE COMING WEST

Hundreds Will Winter in Victoria and Other Pacific Coast Cities

The annual influx of residents of the prairie provinces has commenced. For some years the Pacific Coast, more particularly Victoria, has been the favorite wintering place for the thousands who have their homes in the middlewest and are anxious to escape the intensely cold weather experienced there at this season. So marked was the desire of the farmers of Saskatchewan and Alberta to come to a place without months of snow and a thermometer constantly below zero that the C. P. R. inaugurated a special excursion rate to points on the Pacific Slope and since then Victoria has been singled out as a city meeting the requirements of the northwesterner in every respect. Hence the present arrival of hundreds of people, many of them accompanied by their families, who, during the spring and summer are busy sowing and reaping the wheat which has come to be recognized as one of Canada's greatest assets.

In practically every local hotel the register from day to day bears the autograph of a number of Canadian farmers from different parts of the new provinces, while a few find their way here, for no other purpose than to pleasantly spend a few months from as far east as Winnipeg. The same is the case at the principal boarding establishments the proprietors of which report accommodation available fully occupied and that many of their guests hail from the territory just east of the Rocky mountains.

Pope Flood, of Deseronto, was shot and killed in St. Louis.

HOW CAPTAIN TATLOW SPENDS A HOLIDAY

Minister of Finance Kept Busy
Lecturing on Advantages
of Province

Following is an extract from a letter received by Col. A. W. Jones, of Victoria, from his brother, Charles S. Jones, of London, who for many years was a resident of British Columbia and still, as may be seen, takes a lively interest in its welfare:

"I have just returned from the apple show in Vincent Square, where there is a fine exhibit—Ontario, New Brunswick, British Columbia, and I certainly think the latter takes the palm. I met a lot of old B. C. people and had a long 'wa wa' with Agent-General Turner and Minister of Finance Tatlow, and no one could work harder or do more for the old province than they do.

"There were only a most creditable display of scores of boxes of magnificent apples, but a fine cinematograph exhibit of B. C. photos on the screen, comprising salmon fishing and packing, prize cattle, apple orchards, logging camps, scenery on the railway, etc., etc. Both our friends were very busy and explained the pictures as they were thrown on the screen—indeed, they made first rate showmen; and when the entertainment was over I noticed a rush of people to our representatives who were doubtless asked for further information regarding B. C. When I left at 5.30 Capt. Tatlow told me he was tired as he had been at it since 11 a.m. Indeed he has been touring around with these B.C. views and has been at Birmingham, Bristol and several other places, which doubtless will result in much benefit to B.C. I hear Mr. Turner is making arrangements to exhibit in other towns also. He is an indefatigable worker and never seems to tire of talking and writing up the province.

"By the way, do you recollect when you were here in June that we visited him in his offices about six stories up? Well, let me tell you he has 'come down in the world' since then, as last Monday I caught upon him in his new apartments which are on the first floor of the same building—a very judicious move in my opinion, as the office is most accessible, and the front entrance and large windows looking into Finsbury Circus have big gold letters, intimating that it is the abode of the agent-general of British Columbia, so that the thousands who pass daily can see that there is such a place. I'm dining at the Canada club on Wednesday next, where B. C. always turns up in force. I know that Mr. Tatlow and Mr. Turner will be there."

FRASER FISHERY CASE WILL BE APPEALED

Counsel Was Instructed to Ask
Leave to Appeal to Privy
Council

The Provincial government will appeal from the decision of the full court declaring the Provincial Fishery regulations to be invalid, to the Privy Council. Attorney-General Bowser said yesterday that he had instructed Mr. Cassidy, who argued the case for the province, to apply to the court for leave to appeal should a verdict be rendered adverse to the contention of the Provincial government. This was done in order to save time, as it is hoped to get the case on for hearing at the same time as some of the other matters which are pending before the supreme court and in which the province is interested.

The case in question arose out of a prosecution of a fisherman at New Westminster who refused to take out the provincial license. He was prosecuted before County Judge Howay, who held that the regulations were ultra vires of the local legislature, and dismissed the case. The province appealed to the full court, which upheld the county judge on the ground that the Dominion had occupied all the legislative field, thus leaving no opportunity for provincial enactments. The province's position was that, being the undisputed owner of the fish, it had a right to make regulations looking to the preservation of its property, which in this case took the form of a license to fish during stipulated periods only. The decision of the full court is of the first importance, and if correct, takes away all provincial control over provincial fisheries. In this view of the case, it has been decided to appeal to the highest court of the realm.

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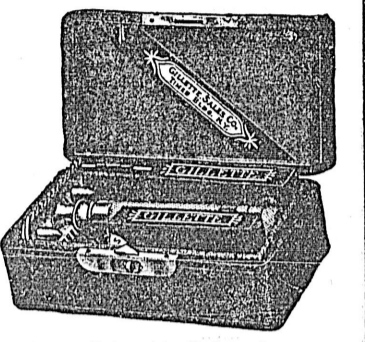
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While this is true, it cannot be felt that where there is a need for women's work they should receive wages that will enable them to live independently of any pecuniary assistance. All women, especially all young women, who are absent from home need companionship, kindness and sympathy. That in far too many cases their work does not bring them enough to enable them to obtain fitting shelter, food and clothing is one of the evils which the good men and women of our time are seeking to remedy. To prevent a system from gaining a footing here, which in larger and older communities is productive of grave abuses, is worthy of the attention and the united efforts of all who have the good of our city at heart.

In his lecture before the Women's Canadian club of Toronto on "Woman's Relation to Modern Public Life," Professor Adam Shortt said that the public or social life of a community "was simply the other side of its private life. The trend of influence was not so much of the public on the private as of the private on the public life. Public life was the mere outward machinery for accomplishing the personal or real purpose of men and women." There is much to think about in these sentences. It has become too much the fashion to say that political life makes men corrupt. If politicians or any other class of Canadians are corrupt the fault lies, first of all, in our homes. If children are taught to look upon dishonesty and trickery as clever, they will, when they grow to be men, be crafty and dishonest. If, on the contrary, the boys and girls who go into the world from our homes and our schools are straightforward and upright they will not readily descend to the tricks of the political boss or take advantage of their positions to make unlawful gain. Whether or not it is desirable that women shall take a greater part in the government of the country, it is certain that her greatest work will always be done in the home. There her influence in forming ideals and moulding character is very strong and it is there that she can accomplish most towards remedying abuses or bringing about reforms.

It is a comparatively new idea that the woman who manages the home needs special knowledge. In most countries the girl in former days received a thorough training in household duties from her mother. It was considered that no girl should be allowed to leave her father's house until she knew how to cook and was skilled in all the arts that contribute to the order and neatness of a home. Even where it would not be necessary for her to do the actual work of the home it was felt that she must know how such work should be done in order that she might efficiently direct and superintend the labors of others. No accomplishments were allowed to take the place of this preparation for the future.

The spread of education and modern conditions in the labor world have combined to prevent the majority of

the young women of the present generation from receiving this very necessary training. The girl who attends school for nine years or more of her life and who spends the interval between her school days and her marriage in some occupation which takes her from her home during the day has little opportunity of learning how to manage a house.

This loss has become so apparent that in recent years classes in cooking, in sewing and other domestic employments have been introduced into the school so that while girls are acquiring a knowledge of literature and mathematics they may at the same time be taught how to do the work that every woman will be obliged to perform in her own home. Not only is this felt to be necessary by those who have the management of the schools but the girls themselves have welcomed the innovation. The classes in Domestic Science are most popular and the break in the school routine has not been found to interfere with proficiency in other studies.

On the other hand, many a girl whose school life has been a record of bad marks and of failures at lessons in Domestic Science are most popular and the break in the school routine has not been found to interfere with proficiency in other studies.

There is another aspect of this work which will assume more importance as the years go on. The necessity for economy will become greater as population increases. Women must learn to understand food values and how to cook so that these values are preserved. This has been foreseen by those who have founded colleges where the aid of science is brought to the selection and the preparation of food. In Canada there are such schools in Toronto, Montreal and Quebec and a few days ago Mrs. Lillian Massey-Treble endowed a laboratory of Household Science. But it is not only in regard to the food of the people that greater knowledge is required. The laws of health are very imperfectly understood even by the wisest of men and though great progress has been made in the art and science of sanitation the knowledge is not generally diffused and what is known is not always put into practice.

In such schools as Macdonald College or the University of Toronto women can obtain a knowledge of Household Science and as each graduate returns to her home or goes out into the world as a teacher she will spread abroad the knowledge she has gained. The result upon the comfort and health of Canadian homes cannot but be great.

It will not, it is hoped, be many years before in our own province those who wish can obtain a thorough knowledge of a science so important not only to their own sex but to the whole community.

WOMAN'S WORK

A general meeting of the Auxiliary Anti-Tuberculosis society was held in the Balmoral hotel on Wednesday, Dec. 3, the president, Mrs. Fagan, in the chair. The chief business was the financial report made by Miss Pooley in connection with the recent fair, which, however, was not quite complete, some of the money not yet having been turned in. Since then the accounts have been finally settled, and the appended statement shows net receipts to the amount of \$2,005.90. The president read a short address thanking the members of the society for their hard work and complimenting them on their success, and yet better from Dr. Fagan to the same effect was read by the secretary. It was decided to hold another large fair in November, 1910.

A most cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed by the society to the following, who helped so greatly to lighten the work in connection with the fair: Mrs. Simon Leiser, Mrs. Max Leiser, Mrs. F. S. Barnard and Mrs. Matthews for holding stalls; Mrs. Watt and Mrs. Cornwall, who provided that centre of attraction "The Gen-

ous Goose"; Mrs. Berkeley, Mrs. White, Mrs. Monteith, Mrs. Le Neven and Miss Georgeson for conducting palmistry booths; the Fifth Regiment band, the Mandolin club, Mrs. Simpson, Miss Thain, Miss Switzer, Mrs. Hervey Bell, and the young ladies of the Pixie scarf drill for so kindly providing evening entertainments; Mr. Frank Davis and Mr. Juller for taking charge of the door; Capt. Parry, H.M.S. Egerton, for flags and lending sailors throughout the week; Captain Combe, cableship Restorer, for flags; the Hinton Electric Co., for extra wiring in the A.O.U.W. hall; the B. C. Electric Railway Co., for extra light; the members of the fire brigade for assistance in decorating; the Colonist and Times newspapers, for free advertising; the Canadian Bank of Commerce, for each night receiving the money taken in during the day; a special vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Ridgway Wilson, who made all arrangements for the construction of stalls and gave a great deal of time to seeing that the stall holders' wishes were carried out. Mention must also be made of the Christmas stamp, which Mrs. G. C. Howell, and sold by Miss Bowron. When one realizes that each stamp is sold at one cent only, it can be seen what an amount of labor is entailed in raising the sum with which Miss Bowron is credited. The stall holders wish to thank all contributors, and in particular the following: The Fair, Maclean's Bakery, Messrs. D. Spencer & Co., Mr. D. E. Campbell, Messrs. Cockrane & Day, Messrs. Weller Bros., Mrs. Kroeger, Messrs. Popham & Smith, Messrs. Henry Young & Co., Messrs. Terry, Dixie Ross & Co., Lenz Leiser, Jos. Sommer, Drake & Horn, Mrs. Aaronson, Mrs. Henry Clay, the Windsor Grocery, Tim Kees, Ishu, Mikado Bros., Kawai, and Nagano.

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Dolls	265.75
Frames	132.00
Flowers	94.80
Door	152.50
Tex	107.00
Post office	39.50
Goose	118.30
Sweets	134.25
Fortune tellers	38.00
Stamps	42.60
Cigarettes	182.15
Sundries	9.40
Expenses	\$2,351.30
Total	\$45.40
	\$2,005.90

Tonight the Rev. W. Leslie Clay will deliver the second of his lectures on "Glimpses of the Old World," under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's church. It is understood that this lecture will tell of the visit to the Home Land, and the ladies hope that the subject will appeal especially to all who feel that though far away, the old scenes are still dear to them and to those others to whom they have been made familiar by song and story.

Christmas will soon be here with all its pleasant excitement and delightful bustle, but it must not be forgotten that there are those to whom the return of the season brings sad memories. The men and women and little children who are compelled to spend the day in the wards of the hospital or in the private rooms are especially in need of sympathy and cheer. The members of the Women's Auxiliary and the daughters of Pitty have undertaken the task of doing what may be done to brighten the day for all, young and old, who must this Christmas make the Jubilee Hospital

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ROBERT A. RENNICK,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 6th October, 1908.

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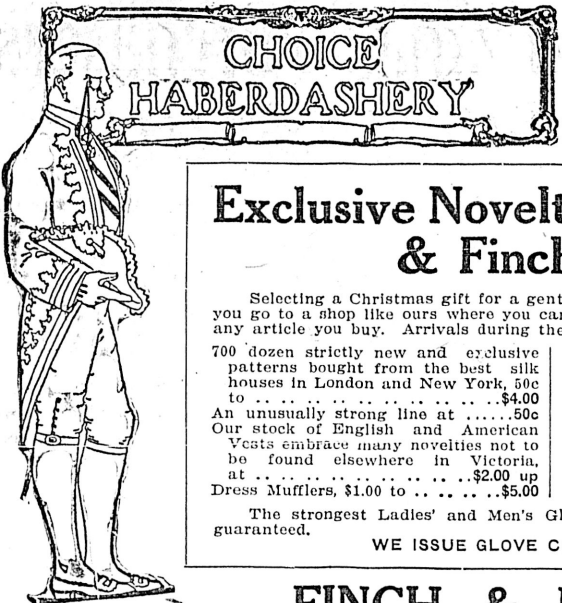
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Victory Over Seattle Soccer Eleven on Sunday Materially Advances Team

As a result of the Pacific Coast League soccer match played between Seattle and Ladysmith on Sunday, the latter have advanced to second place in the relative standing of the teams. They won out by 3 goals to 2 after what is described as being a hard and fast contest. The miners thought that they would have a clinch but a rude surprise awaited them. During the opening period the visitors put up a whirlwind pace and at the blow of the whistle the score stood 2 to 1 in their favor. In the last period Ladysmith was more careful and, by dint of hard work, managed to alter the complexion of the match. But the margin was only one in their favor and the result, from the outset, was most uncertain.

The present standing of the clubs follows:

Pacific Coast Standing.				
	P.	W.	L.	D.
Vancouver	6	4	2	0
Ladysmith	7	3	3	1
Nanaimo	5	3	2	0
Seattle	7	2	4	1
Victoria	6	2	3	1

More local soccer matches take place on Saturday. The followers of the game have been looking forward to a continuance of the home series. Doubtless there will be crowds out to see the matches.

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teams in the High School-North Ward junior game follows:

High School: Guards, Clarke and McRae; centre, Spencer; forwards, Shopland and Willisroft.

North Ward: Guards, Bryndel and Townsley; centre, Taylor; forwards, Sweeney and Pike.

In the junior match between the Y. M. C. A. and Shamrock teams the clubs will be represented as follows:

Y. M. C. A.: Guards, Baker and McKeown; centre, Betterton; forwards, Fairall and Campbell.

Shamrocks: Guards, McDonald and O'Leary; centre, Keapock; forwards, Silven and McDonald.

EDMONTON HOCKEY TEAM OFF FOR EAST

Westerners Leave for Montreal Today in Quest of Stanley Cup

Edmonton, Dec. 15.—The Edmonton hockey team, challengers for the Stanley cup, will leave for Montreal tomorrow. The team was complete today by the arrival of Tom Phillips from Vancouver. Phillips wanted to join the team at Winnipeg but the management insisted that he come here first. Steve Vair, the centre forward man who was brought up from Renfrew by Whitcroft, has been let out by the executive, and it is understood that he has returned home.

If there ever was any doubt in the minds of the local hockey fans that Edmonton has the men of Stanley cup calibre it has been thoroughly dispelled. Two thousand people paid hard cash and witnessed, in place of advertised hockey the pitiful annihilation of Strathcona's choice seven by the Edmonton Stanley cup team. After twenty goals were scored by the champions, the tally man got tired and quit. Strathcona failed to register a score. Deaton refereed the game, and Hall replaced him on the team at centre forward. Eight of the goals were scored by Hall, five by Miller, four by Whitcroft, two by Mac-

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TWO VICTORIA LEAGUE MATCHES

Victoria West Soccer Eleven Play Cedar Hill Next Saturday Afternoon

A SURPRISE ANTICIPATED

James Bays to Clash With the Garrison—Standing of the League

A couple of Victoria District League football matches are announced for Saturday. At the Royal Athletic grounds Cedar Hill will do battle with Victoria West while at Oak Bay the James Bays and the Garrison will try conclusions. Both games will start at 2.30 o'clock and are likely to be exceptionally interesting. At any rate even if they don't develop exhibitions of unusual excellence, the fact that the

series is drawing near its conclusion and that the Bays are closing up on the leaders—Victoria West—will lend them a peculiar attraction and no doubt, there will be a large attendance of enthusiastic fans.

That Cedar Hill will beat Victoria West is what several of the former's adherents were wanting to bet money yesterday. They did not have to go far to place their money. It is reported that the Hills will take the field with a much stronger aggregation than

FIRST DIVISION				
	P.	W.	L.	D.
Victoria West	8	6	0	2
James Bay	7	5	2	0
Esquimalt	7	4	2	1
Garrison	7	2	4	1
Cedar Hill	6	2	4	0
Regiment	7	0	6	0

soldiers, too, are desirous of turning the tables on the lads from the Bay and have been training with that idea in mind. The combat will be productive of excitement.

Remaining Matches

With the exception of the fixtures which were postponed owing to the necessity that Victoria should fill Pacific Coast league dates this week's games brings the schedule to a conclusion. The remaining matches follow: Bays vs. Regiment; Esquimalt vs. Cedar Hill; Esquimalt vs. Regiment; Garrison vs. Cedar Hill; Victoria West vs. Bays; Cedar Hill vs. Garrison; Esquimalt vs. Fifth Regiment.

Wheatcroft Gets Jockey Martin

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—Irving H. Wheatcroft, proprietor of the St. James stable of Victoria, B. C., has concluded negotiations with Jerome B. Respass whereby he will have the services of the lightweight jockey E. Martin at Arcadia this season. Martin headed the jockey list at the recent Latonia meeting.

The contract is a conditional one and permits Respass to recall the lad at any time. Mr. Wheatcroft has purchased Director from Respass and will add him to the formidable string that Lew Marlon will train for the Canadian turfman at Santa Anita. Director, with Miss Sain, Elizabeth Harwood, Alma Duffer, French Cook and Woolwinder, other recent acquisitions by Wheatcroft, left Lexington Monday for Los Angeles.

Mr. Wheatcroft has made sixty-four nominations to the Santa Anita stakes, and his stable should out an important figure in Southern California racing. Alma Dufour is now seven years old, and her record to date is 4 firsts, 34 seconds and 26 thirds out of 130 starts.

FINE BASKETBALL GAMES THIS EVENING

The Intermediate and Junior League Matches Scheduled for Today

Another series of intermediate and junior league basketball matches will be played this evening. There are five scheduled, namely, two intermediate and three junior. The former are: North Ward vs. V. W. A. A. at the former's hall; Y. M. C. A. vs. Esquimalt, at the Y. M. C. A. quarters, Broad street. The juniors will line up as follows: Esquimalt vs. Victoria West, at Esquimalt; Shamrocks vs. Y. M. C. A. at Institute Hall; North Ward vs. High School at the latter's hall. Which of the foregoing contests will be most attractive from the standpoint of the spectator is difficult to say. Up to date the competing clubs have only met once, on that occasion, several of the games were won with but one point to the good. Under such circumstances it is not unreasonable to believe that when they meet tonight, the outcome will be some battles lacking in nothing which tends to rouse excitement and enthusiasm.

Some of the Teams

The personnel of the respective

ARNST THE CHAMPION

Wanganui, N.Z., Dec. 15.—The sculling championship of the world between William Webb and Richard Arnst, the challenger, rowed today over 3 1/4 miles on the Wanganui river, was won by Arnst by eight lengths in 19 minutes 52 seconds, after leading throughout the course.

Namara, and one by Ross, who made a brilliant rush from point.

Victorias who wish to see Victoria successful in Saturday's rugby match with Vancouver should try to arrange to accompany the islanders to the mainland. There is nothing like the presence of a sympathetic bunch, with lusty voices, to lend encouragement.

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LINE MANAGED BY WOMAN

Mrs. R. A. Alley Returns From Antipodes on Business of Canadian-New Zealand Line

The new steamer Makura, Captain J. Gibb, of the Canadian-Australian line, the finest-appointed passenger steamer on the Pacific ocean, arrived yesterday from Sydney via Suva and Honolulu with 25 saloons, 54 second and 36 third class passengers, 115 in all, and a fair cargo. Included among the passengers was Mrs. R. A. Alley, the woman steamship manager who since her husband's death has managed the affairs of the Canadian-New Zealand line, in which the Roydon steamer Inverdrill and Barrie and Sons' Den of Ruthven have been engaged. She has been visiting New Zealand in connection with the renewal of the subsidy which expires next summer. Mrs. Alley said that although nothing had been definitely decided upon during her visit she expected the New Zealand and also the Canadian Government would renew the subsidy in which event the service would probably be improved, cold storage chambers being placed in the steamers now in use and another vessel might be placed in service. S. Turner, a noted mountain-climber returned from an ascent of Mount Cook, New Zealand, the climbing of which he had added to his feats on Asian mountains concerning which he has written a book. B. T. Rogers, of the B. C. Sugar Refinery, returned from Suva after arranging for several shipments of raw sugar. Alex Hume Ford, who is engaged in promoting tourist travel to Hawaii and the Antipodes arrived from Honolulu. Mrs. E. W. wife of Capt. Brew, of the calling ship Halewood, lying at Kijima, arrived to join her husband. The Misses Dunstons, daughters of a Seattle clergyman, arrived from Sydney. Other saloon passengers were A. Whybrow, and wife, T. Thoresen and wife, Sewall W. Page, G. B. Tilton, D. Churchill, R. Moore, E. Osborne and wife, A. Hilton and wife, Mrs. Cliff and daughter, Mrs. Taylor and Miss Taylor, Misses Hay, Grahame and Coomb.

The cargo included 5,462 bags of raw sugar from Suva, 3,127 carcasses of lean mutton and lamb, 68 cases of kidneys, 1,250 boxes of butter, 120 bags of coffee, 205 cases of jams, 105 cases of preserved meats, 204 bales of wool, 383 bales and 30 sacks of skins, 114 sacks of hides, 200 bitumic solution, 38,953 pieces of timber, hops, kauri gum, coconut oil, 75 cases of coffee, 32 crates of pine, 15 barrels of coconut oil and 90 cases of meat. The steamer had moderate and strong head winds, strong gales and high seas being encountered when nearing the Straits.

The Makura is a veritable floating palace, and was greeted by all who saw her as she lay at the outer wharf. She carried a number of passengers to Melbourne via Durban from Liverpool after leaving the builders yards at Glasgow. The Makura is a twin screw liner of 8,350 tons, with speed of 18 knots.

At a luncheon held on board at Sydney, one of the speakers at which was Dr. Coulter, deputy Canadian Postmaster-General, F. W. Jackson, the Sydney manager of the Canadian-Australian line said the position of the line was not the most satisfactory. The service had been maintained in rather an intermittent way. The Gov-

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Special to the Colonist
Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Light rain, wind southwest, 25 miles an hour. In a passenger steamer, at 6 a.m.; Tweeddale, for Comox.

Tatoosh, noon—Rain, wind south, 38 miles an hour. Inward, two-masted steamer, red stack and black beam, the Makura, Sydney for Victoria.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Rain, wind south, 24 miles an hour.

By Wireless
Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, a southeast gale. Bar. 29.60, temp. 41. Sea rough.

Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, wind southeast. Bar. 29.52, temp. 42.

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Light rain, wind southwest, 25 miles an hour. Bar. 29.73, temp. 43. Passed out, a steamer, at 6.40 p.m. Passed in, a steamer at 6.45 p.m., and passenger steamer at 6.50 p.m.

Estevan, 8 a.m.—Clear, variable breeze. Bar. 29.71, temp. 36. Sea rough.

Pachena, 8 a.m.—Rain, wind southeast. Bar. 29.58, temp. 36. Sea rough, heavy gale all night. No shipping.

Cape Lazo, noon—Rain, southeast gale. Bar. 29.66, temp. 40. Sea rough. Steamer Chicago off Cape Mudge at 11.30.

Point Grey, noon—Rain, and strong southeast gales. Bar. 29.77, temp. 41. Passed out, the steamer Joan, at 11.30. Passed in, steamer Joan, at 10.05.

Tatoosh, noon—Rain, wind south, 38 miles an hour. Bar. 29.46, temp. 47. Passed out, a two-masted steamer, towing a four-masted schooner, at 10.30.

Estevan, noon—Cloudy, wind east. Bar. 29.81, temp. 41. A heavy swell.

Pachena, noon—Cloudy, wind northeast. Bar. 29.63, temp. 36. Sea rough.

Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Raining, wind southeast. Bar. 29.33, temp. 40. Out, steamer Cassiar, at 3.20 p.m.

Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind southeast. Bar. 29.78, temp. 34. Sea moderating. No shipping.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Rain, wind south, 24 miles an hour. Bar. 29.85, temp. 59. Passed in, a large two-masted schooner, at 11.50 a.m. Out, a two-masted schooner, at 11.50 a.m.

Estevan, 6 p.m.—Clear, calm. Bar. 29.91, temp. 39. Sea moderate. Tees up at daylight.

MANNING TO PATROL OFF ISLAND COAST

Will Be on Station at Mouth of Straits to Assist Shipping During Winter

A Port Townsend special says the U. S. revenue cutter Daniel Manning will be placed on special detail immediately for the life-saving service. She will be engaged in patrolling the shore line of Vancouver Island for the assistance of incoming and outgoing shipping during the boisterous months of winter. It was at first presumed that the cutter Thetis, now at Port Townsend, would be detailed for this work, but the lack of both power and speed makes her use impractical. The Manning is now at San Francisco and her sailing date to assume her temporary station with headquarters at Neah Bay will be deferred probably until the return of the ship of Captain W. V. E. Jacobs, commanding, and who is now at Port Townsend acting as president of the service court, which has been trying several cases. It is expected that the Manning will remain on detail until the arrival of the life-saving tug Snohomish, now enroute from the eastern coast.

BUSINESS WITH SOUND

British Columbia Trade With Ports to South Exceeded All Other Places Except Japan

During the month of November the imports of the ports of Puget Sound from British Columbia amounted to \$466,657 and the exports to this province totalled \$441,675. During the same time the imports from all other provinces of Canada at Puget Sound ports amounted to \$770 and the exports to other parts of Canada than British Columbia totalled \$15,240. Other than Japan the exports and imports to and from British Columbia are in excess of those of all other parts of the world. The imports at Puget Sound ports from Japan during the month totalled \$1,833,362 and the exports to Japan to \$1,776,654. Eighteen ports are included in the list under the jurisdiction of the Port Townsend customs authority.

BRITISH CRUISERS MAY COME HERE

Flora and Cambrian Ordered From China and Australia to South Pacific

The report is current that two cruisers, H.M.S. Cambrian and Flora may cruise to this coast in the near future, although it is uncertain whether they will come as far north as Esquimalt. The Cambrian is one of the vessels of the squadron in Australian waters, and the Flora, which was one of the vessels of the Esquimalt fleet when there was a naval station there instead of what Kipling calls "a marine junk shop that once was Esquimalt," is now attached to the China squadron. Both vessels have been ordered to cruise to South America, the Flora coming from Hongkong and the Cambrian from Australia, and the belief at Esquimalt is that the two vessels will come north from the southern ports of call. Recently two of the cruisers from the West Indian station, H.M.S. Seylla and H.M.S. Sappho were ordered to the west coast of South America, and the squadron of Admiral Sir Percy Scott was recently reported from Rio de Janeiro on the Atlantic coast. H.M.S. Shearwater and H.M.S. Algernine, the two sloops of war from Esquimalt are now cruising along the west coast of South America and one of the two, probably H.M.S. Algernine will be ordered to visit the southern Pacific islands.

H.M.S. Flora, which is a third-class protected cruiser, was stranded at Village point, near Union, during her stay on the Esquimalt station, her salvage being accomplished by H.M.S. Grafton, assisted by the B. C. Marine railway company, and her navigating officer who was tried by court martial at Esquimalt was reprimanded. He stated that he mistook a spar buoy for another with white-painted wooden caulk on it owing to a seagull being perched on the spar buoy during fog. The Flora is a warship of 4360 tons displacement, 320 feet long, 49½ feet beam and 19 feet deep, with 9000 indicated horse power, built by the Victoria company at Pembroke in 1893-5 at a cost of £242,276. She carries two 6 inch, eight 4.7, one 12 pounder, thirteen 6 pounder and three-pounder and maxims guns, and has a complement of 312 men.

H.M.S. Cambrian is a vessel of the model and type, almost similar armament, manned by the same number of men. She was built in the same years as the Flora also at Pembroke.

WRECK OF KIRKDALE

Lever Bros. Vessel Pounded to Pieces in Breakers of the San Salvador Coast

Advices of the wreck of the British bark Kirkdale, the coast of San Salvador were brought by the steamer Newport, of the Pacific Mail line, which has arrived at San Francisco from South America. The Kirkdale, 760 tons, was totally wrecked on the coast of Salvador, near El Triunfo, on October 14.

Two members of the crew of the lost ship were brought by the Newport, and the other members were sent home by way of Panama.

The Kirkdale was owned by Lever Brothers, of Liverpool, and was in command of Captain Robert Rowland. The bark had just taken on a cargo of dyewood when she pounded to pieces in the breakers. The crew abandoned the vessel without attempting to save any of the cargo.

The shipwrecked mariners were compelled to make a difficult journey of sixty miles across a range of mountains to the port of La Union.

SHIPPING OF MONTREAL DURING PAST SEASON

Big Falling Off in Westbound Passenger Traffic and Decrease in Freights

The season of navigation at Montreal, which has just ended, was disappointing, westbound passenger business having fallen off, and there was a reduction of \$3,000,000 in customs receipts. Harbor receipts were increased. The tide of immigration which reached its height in 1907 not only suffered a severe check but the return flow eastwards particularly of stowage passengers set in strongly, with the result that vessels took home more immigrants than they brought to the country. Freight ruled low on the average and cargoes were difficult to obtain, although a large quantity of wheat found its way to the sea via Montreal. There passed down the Lachine canal 7,000,000 bushels more wheat than last year, but the falling off in butter, cheese, apples and other commodities has been marked.

Imports have also declined. The customs receipts on imports for the seven months of navigation, was over \$3,000,000 behind the corresponding period last year, although it must be remembered that 1907 was a record year. During the season 739 ocean-going vessels arrived in port, one less than last year, but the increase in tonnage was substantial, it being 34,129 tons.

Revenue received at the Harbor Commissioners' office shows an increase for the season of \$2,866, but there was a big drop in the amounts received from imports. The amounts collected from exports show a better condition of things than last year there being \$16,000 on the right side of the ledger. Local traffic also shows an increase.

While the season has shown a heavy loss in casualties, there have been very few between Montreal and Quebec, and what have occurred in the narrow parts of the river have been of a trivial character.

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character. The break in the Cornwall canal tied up navigation in the upper river for two weeks and delayed ocean steamships considerably. The chief accidents were all below Quebec. Among these was the collision between the steamship Ottawa of the Dominion line and the Norwegian collier Thord in the gulf below Pamo point. One of the seamen of the Ottawa was killed, this being the only fatality due to accident of the season, and the Ottawa was badly damaged and was compelled to come to Montreal for repairs. She later took her place in the Liverpool-Montreal service.

The Southwork of the Dominion line also got into trouble at Fortunate Bay, Labrador, in the early part of August, but was afterwards released under her own steam and proceeded on her voyage to Liverpool. She was not replaced on the service. Another serious accident was the head on collision between the Corinthian, of the Allan line and the Malin Head of the Head line, off Grosse Ile on September 13. Both vessels were badly damaged, the Corinthian having to be repaired at Levis, while the Malin Head was taken to New York for drydocking purposes. Other mishaps of the season were the grounding of the Inishowen Head off Union Cove, just above Quebec in the early part of October, and the towing of the steamer Elmer off Longue Point on October 13. Both these vessels were speedily released and suffered little or no damage.

The advantages of the St. Lawrence route have been appreciated more than ever by American tourists, who have used Canada's national highway to the sea in increasing numbers. The Empress of the C. P. R. have had a good season and the Victorian and Virginian of the Allan line, and the passenger vessels of the Dominion and Donaldson lines have all been well patronized. A feature of the past season has been that notwithstanding the general depression in travel circles, Montreal has not felt it so acutely as lines plying to and from United States ports. Week after week the Empresses and the turbiniers have carried more passengers eastwards than their crack sisters of the sea to the south of the border.

From the opening of navigation until December 1, when it was declared officially closed, 739 ocean vessels arrived in port, one less than in the previous year. The tonnage, however, shows a decided improvement, there being 1,958,604 tons, compared with 1,924,475 last season, an increase in favor of this year of 34,129 tons.

The number of vessels arriving this year is the smallest for many years, 1906, with 787 being the previous best, while it was previous to 1903 that such a small number of ocean craft visited the port of Montreal. Another feature is that there have been no sailing vessels in port this season of the sea-going type, while in 1906 no less than 33 vessels of the old school with a total tonnage of 11,364 tons visited Montreal.

Following is a comparative statement of the ocean traffic at the port of Montreal for the past five seasons:

Year.	Steamships.	Tonnage.
1904	774	1,849,907
1905	786	1,913,092
1906	787	1,924,859
1907	740	1,924,475
1908	739	1,958,604
Sailing.	Total.	Tonnage.
22	6,790	796,185,697
47	22,054	833,194,056
33	11,364	820,197,223
—	740	1,924,475
—	739	1,958,604

FREIGHTER BELFAST SUNK IN DECEPTION PASS

Was Raised by Everett Tugs and Has Been Taken to That Port For Repairs

The steam freighter Belfast, owned by T. G. McBride of Vancouver, which went to Tacoma for a cargo of gypsum rock, struck on Seal rock during the blow of Friday night, and sank in Dugla Bay, the crew making their way to shore in the boat. News of the accident was brought by the steamer Forager, Capt. Abbot, which reached Brackman and Ker's wharf yesterday morning. The Forager's crew reported the Belfast sunk in Deception pass. This is an intricate and narrow waterway at the entrance to Possession sound off Whidby Island. It runs between Fidalgo and Whidby Islands. The tidal streams run with great velocity in this waterway and presumably carried the Belfast on Seal rock.

Soon after the Forager brought the news of the accident the rumor became current that the vessel went down with her crew.

The Belfast was raised and was towed to Everett for repairs by the tugs Mary C and Edison of Everett.

Details of the loss of the British bark Falls of Hallidate, a casualty briefly reported by cable were brought by the steamer Makura. The Falls of Hallidate, bound from New York to Melbourne, went ashore on the Victoria coast near her destination, all hands escaping in her boats. Capt. Thompson was charged with reckless navigation. The land, not seen since leaving New York, was sighted just before the ship struck. The shipwrecked crew made out to sea in the vessel struck, and in the morning attempted to get back on the wreck to save their effects, but could not do so as the seas were breaking over it. The boats got through the breakers safely by using oil.

The steamers Titania and Tweeddale passed up to the coal ports yesterday. The Tweeddale was to have docked had the drydock been available.

News was brought by the Makura of the death at Sydney of Capt. Edwin Phillips, of the R. M. S. Manuka, who is well known here.

Child Cured of Group, Saving Father a Ten-Mile Drive for a Doctor.

A merchant engaged in the selling of all kinds of remedies naturally hears a good many expressions of opinion from the users. Mr. J. H. Ellis, a merchant at Ellsboro, Sask., writes as follows:

"Many of my customers have spoken very highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. One in particular, Mr. George Penge, wrote me a letter of this remedy for himself and found it did him good but he found it most useful when one of his children took cold. He had noticed on the bottle that it was good for that disease so gave it and was surprised to see what quick relief it afforded the child, and it saved him a terrible dose and a doctor's bill."

This remedy is not only a certain cure for colds but it is also a powerful laxative, but when given as soon as the first indication of the attack appears, that is as soon as the child becomes hoarse, it will prevent the attack. It should be kept at hand ready for instant use, then all danger and anxiety may be avoided.

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stops loss of flesh in babies and children and in adults. Some people have gained a pound a day while taking it.

All Druggists

C/à la Grâce Corsets

Extra Long Back, Dip Hip Models for that stylish smooth figure effect

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive.	From the Orient.	Due
Suvaric	From the Orient	Dec. 18
Empress of China	From the Orient	Dec. 18
Iyo Maru	From the Orient	Dec. 24
Titian	From the Orient	Dec. 26
Makura	From Australia	Dec. 16
Lonsdale	From Mexico	Dec. 16
Princess May	From Skagway	Dec. 23
Canopus	From northern British Columbia ports	Dec. 16
Venture	From northern British Columbia ports	Nov. 30
Princess Beatrice	From West Coast	Dec. 19
Tees	From West Coast	Dec. 18
Queen	From San Francisco	Dec. 16
City of Puebla	From San Francisco	Dec. 21
Unatilla	From San Francisco	Dec. 26

Sailing Vessels.	Left	Date
Puritan	For Boston	Dec. 16
Aki Maru	For Australia	Dec. 22
Makura	For Mexico	Dec. 31
Lonsdale	For Skagway	Dec. 31
Princess May	For northern British Columbia ports	Dec. 24
Venture	For northern British Columbia ports	Dec. 18
Princess Beatrice	For West Coast	Dec. 21
Tees	For West Coast	Dec. 20
Queen	For San Francisco	Dec. 17
City of Puebla	For San Francisco	Dec. 22
Unatilla	For San Francisco	Dec. 27

Local Steamers.	Left	Date
Victoria-Seattle.	For Seattle	Dec. 16
S. S. Princess Royal.	For Seattle	Dec. 16
Leave Victoria 3:30 p. m. daily except Monday. Arrive Seattle 10 p. m. daily except Monday.		
Princess Victoria.	For Seattle	Dec. 16
Leave Seattle 8:30 a. m. daily except Monday. Arrive Victoria 1 p. m. daily except Monday.		
Princess Victoria.	For Seattle	Dec. 16
Leave Victoria daily except Sunday at 2 p. m.		
Steamer Charmer.	For Seattle	Dec. 16
Leave Victoria 12:00 midnight daily. Arrive Victoria 7:30 a. m. daily. Leave Vancouver 1 p. m. daily. Arrive Victoria 7:00 p. m. daily.		
Victoria-Seattle, via Port Townsend.		
Whitcomb.		
Leaves Victoria 6 p. m. daily except Thursday. Arrives daily at 2:20 p. m. Upper Fraser River.		
Beaver.		
Leaves New Westminster 3 a. m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Leaves Chilliwack 7 a. m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. Calling at landings between New Westminster and Chilliwack.		

Vancouver-Manitoba (E. & N. Ry.)	Left	Date
Joan	For Manitoba	Dec. 16
Leaves Nanaimo 7 a. m.		
Leaves Vancouver 1:30 p. m. daily except Sunday.		
Victoria-Nanaimo.		
S. S. City of Nanaimo.		
Leave Victoria Tuesday at 7 a. m. Arrive Nanaimo Tuesday at 4 p. m.		
Leave Nanaimo Saturday at 2 p. m. Arrive Victoria Saturday at 9 p. m.		
Leave Nanaimo Wednesday at 7 a. m. Arrive Union Bay and Comox Wednesday at 2 p. m.		
Leave Union Bay and Comox Thursday at 1 a. m. Arrive Nanaimo Thursday at 2 p. m.		
Leave Nanaimo Friday 7 a. m. Arrive Union Bay and Comox Friday at 2 p. m.		
Leave Union Bay and Comox Saturday at 1 a. m. Arrive Nanaimo Saturday at 2 p. m.		

Sidney to Gulf Islands.	Left	Date
Iroquois.		
Leaving Sidney Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday on arrival of V. & N. train.		
Freight Rates.	Puget Sound or B.C.	Rate
Destination—		
Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide.	30s to 40s	
Sydney, 20s to 30s.		
Adelaide or Adelaide, 30s to 40s		
Port Pirie	40s to 50s	
Perth	40s to 50s	
Adelaide	40s to 50s	
River Clyde Ports	40s to 50s	
Adelaide	40s to 50s	
Shanghai	40s to 50s	
Taku	40s to 50s	
Calcutta	40s to 50s	
Dumcut to Nitrato Ports	40s to 50s	
Norwegian ship, Lonsdale, 100 days New Caledonia for Hampton Roads, re-insurance 10 per cent.		
Norwegian ship Cortez, 101 days from New Caledonia for Falmouth, re-insurance 10 per cent.		

Recent Charters Reported by Kind, Ralph & Co.	Rate
Ship Chateaubriand, 131 days from New Caledonia for Falmouth, re-insurance 10 per cent.	
Ship Derwent, 126 days from New Caledonia for Falmouth, re-insurance 10 per cent.	
Ship Cortez, 101 days from New Caledonia for Falmouth, re-insurance 10 per cent.	
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From Monday Next, December 7th.	Rate
A Tombola ticket will be presented for every fifty cent purchase by	
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ORIENTAL BAZAAR	
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Drawing lots on 26th December.	

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Capt. Thomas left this morning via the Princess Victoria for Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Roper, of Kamloops, are staying at the Empress.

L. B. McLevy, of Thorold, Ont., is registered at the Empress.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Staats of New York are enjoying a trip in this city.

Mrs. Palmer, of Menzies street, gave a delightful evening party last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyter of Seattle are spending a few days in town.

J. J. Campbell, of Nelson, is visiting Victoria on business. He is staying at the Empress.

W. R. Dockrill, of Chemainus, is in town. He is registered at the Empress.

M. E. Payne, of Vancouver, is in the city on business, a guest at the King Edward.

Mrs. Barrow, of Sidney, returned home by yesterday afternoon's V. & S. train after a brief visit to Victoria.

Miss Exeley was among the outgoing passengers by the V. & S. yesterday afternoon.

Charles Harvey, of Montreal, is at the King Edward. He is visiting the coast on business.

A. H. Porter, of Nanaimo, arrived in the city yesterday on the noon train. He is a guest at the King Edward.

Mrs. Burton, of St. Charles street, has issued invitations for a dance on Friday evening the 18th inst.

Mr. A. M. Kohlberg from San Francisco is spending some little time in Victoria and is a guest at the Empress.

Mr. Albert M. Kohlberg came up from San Francisco yesterday and is registered at the Empress.

George H. Robertson left yesterday by the Northern Pacific on a business trip to Kaslo, B.C.

C. E. Barnes leaves today via the Northern Pacific on his return to New York.

C. Spencer left this morning on the Princess Victoria on a business trip to Vancouver.

M. Carsley left this morning via the C.P.R. for Winnipeg after a short visit here.

Mr. John H. Griffith and family, of St. Vincent, is staying at the Dominion.

B. T. Robertson, of Dawson, is registered at the Balmoral.

John Helm, of Uteca, N. Y., and E. A. Johnson, of Calgary, are staying at the Driard.

Dr. C. Noguero arrived in town from Jewday, B.C., last evening and is stopping at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers D. Wilson, of Cape Girardeau, Maine, are registered at the Dominion.

Capt. P. Gung Hall came down from Shawnigan Lake yesterday, and is staying at the Balmoral.

Mr. and Mrs. Neilson and family left yesterday via the Northern Pacific for Toronto where they will visit with relatives.

Among the passengers on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver were M. Gillis, E. H. Lemby, T. Williams, T. Collinge, J. S. Dennis, Miss Laflin.

Mr. M. A. Wyld, of The Times circulation department left on Saturday last for southern California for the benefit of his health.

Mr. J. Knox, of the Duncan Lumber Co., came down from Duncan yesterday and is putting up at the Empress, returning home this morning.

R. A. Jacobson, of Calgary, is in the city. He intends making an extended sojourn here and is registered at the King Edward hotel.

Mrs. J. Black and family, of Ladysmith, came down on yesterday's noon train. She intends spending several days here.

Jon. F. C. Carter Cotton, of Vancouver, president of the council, is in town attending a meeting of the executive.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Palmer have come into town from Chemainus for a few days. They are staying at the Empress.

J. S. Dennis, C.P.R. land commissioner, with headquarters at Calgary, is spending a few days in the city. Mrs. Dennis accompanies her husband.

Miss Baptise left on Tuesday morning for Vancouver en route for Toronto where she has gone to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Christian, who have been spending some time in Victoria, left yesterday on the Princess Victoria on route for their home in New Westminster.

Mrs. W. de Witte and Miss de Witte of Yokohama, Japan, who have arrived in Victoria, where they intend spending the winter, have taken up their residence at the Dominion hotel.

A. J. Brace, secretary of the Y.M.C.A., who has been attending a convention at North Yakima, as the representative of the Victoria association, is expected back today.

George Grace leaves today on an extended trip to the Old Country. He will travel via the Northern Pacific to New York whence he will sail on the Cunarder Campania for Liverpool.

A. Steven, H. Bocher left this morning via the C.P.R. and the Empress of Britain on an extended trip to the Old Country, the former for England and the latter for Copenhagen.

H. G. Findlay, physical director of the Young Men's Christian association, will leave for Calgary to spend the Christmas holidays with friends on Sunday. He expects to be away upwards of a fortnight.

Mr. Hinton and Mrs. Catherine Hinton, of London, England, who will shortly sing at a concert in this city, arrived in town yesterday, and are stopping at the Empress. They are accompanied by Miss C. de C. Parrish.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. E. DeHart came down yesterday from the flourishing town of Kelowna, the distributing centre of an important fruit growing district upon Okanagan lake, and are staying at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses Dumfermure from Hampshire, England, spent the week-end in Victoria and left yesterday morning by the Princess Victoria for Vancouver en route for Ottawa where they will spend Christmas with friends before returning to their homes in the Old Country.

Mr. Humble, the manager of the Empress hotel, is leaving for a visit to the city of Montreal which he leaves upon as almost being his home and where he will assuredly pass a very delightful week, accentuated, as it will be, by the fact that this week includes the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The Tuesday Bridge Club met yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. McBride, on the Gorge Road. The drawing-room was charmingly decorated with holly, ivy and chrysanthemums, and the tea-tables, which were beautifully decorated, presided over by Mrs. Young and Miss Mary Lawson. The usual members of the Bridge Club played and Mrs. Ker was the fortunate winner of the prize; a very handsome cut glass bowl.

Mrs. Shallcross was hostess at a charming "At Home" at her pretty new residence on Foul Bay Road on Tuesday afternoon. A delightful musical programme had been arranged the ladies who took part being: Mrs. McLaren, who rendered three or four delightful songs, Miss Helen Peters, how also sang delightfully, accompanied by Miss Cordella Grylles, and the Misses Shallcross, one of whom gave some charming vocal numbers, the other rendering some beautiful piano-forte solos. The decorations of the hall and tearoom were beautifully carried out with chrysanthemums and foliage. Among the guests were: Mr. Atkins, Mrs. Dupont, Miss Dupont, Miss Nellie Dupont, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Fred Pemberton, Mrs. Roper (from Cherry Creek), Mrs. Fitzgibbon and Miss Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Kirkbride, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Howitt, Mrs. MacLure, Mrs. Laundry, Mrs. W. Higgins, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Gresley, Mrs. Alistair Robertson, Mrs. Arthur Robertson, Miss Newcomb, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Lampman, Mrs. Hanington, Miss McDonald, Miss Josephine Crease, Miss Cordella Grylles, Miss Helen Peters, The Misses Shallcross and many others.

B. C. Members at Ottawa
Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Ralph Smith, M.P., elect for Nanaimo, arrived in the city on Saturday, and last night had an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Smith's visit at this juncture naturally suggests business of cabinet importance, though he has nothing to say on the subject. Mr. Smith was joined yesterday by Messrs. Templeman and Sloan, and the three held a conference with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in regard to Pacific coast representation in the cabinet. It is understood that if Mr. Templeman withdraws Mr. Smith will succeed him.

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who is in town looking after the in-
terests of the George M. Cohan musi-
cal comedy, "50 Miles from Boston,"
which comes to the Victoria theatre
for Wednesday Dec. 23 and Thursday
Dec. 24. "I was standing in the big
waiting room of the Union passenger
station of Toronto, one day this sum-
mer, when the hotel runners were hur-
rying to meet the incoming passengers
of an express train.

"A wild mannered little old gentle-
man, in a suit of neatly brushed black,
whose collar and tie proclaimed him
to be from one of the inland towns,
was standing near me, apparently a
bit overwhelmed by the unaccustomed
noise and hurry of the big place.

"To him hurried a deferential runner
from Toronto's largest hotel. With
hand outstretched toward the stran-
ger's bag and umbrella the lackey said:
"King Edward, sir."

"Oh, no sir," said the mild man-
nered little old gentleman, apparently
greatly astonished, "Just John Camp-
bell of Durham, sir."

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cipated.

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innocent, graceful, though impetuous
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man of mature years utterly incapable
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DECISION GIVEN IN AN IMPORTANT CASE

Judge Lampman Holds That Terms of Conveyance Are Final Between Parties

Judge Lampman gave judgment yesterday for the defendant in the case of Parshall vs. the National Finance Co., Ltd., in which the plaintiff was suing for alleged arrears of interest. It appears that there was an agreement on the part of the defendant company to buy certain land, which contained certain stipulations as to interest. Not long after the deal was consummated by the execution of a conveyance and a mortgage which did not contain the interest conditions. For the defendant Lindley Crease contended that the conveyance and mortgage operated as a merger. The text of the decision follows:

The plaintiff's claim is for \$561, being the interest on \$31,900, at 6 per cent, from 27th June to 14th October, 1907.

In June, 1907, Messrs. Bond & Clark, acting for the plaintiff, entered into an agreement for the sale of forty-two lots owned by plaintiff to the defendant company, represented by Mr. H. J. Knott, and the agreement was evidenced by two documents as follows: Interim Receipt

Received from National Finance Co. the sum of one hundred dollars, being deposit on account of purchase of 42 lots bounded by Quadra, Blanchard, Queen's and Pembroke streets, for the sum of \$32,000 on the following terms: \$12,000 thirty days; \$10,000 one year; \$10,000 two years. The deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent, per annum until paid.

Time is the essence of this agreement, and unless payments with interest are punctually made at the time or times appointed, this sale shall be (at the option of the vendor) absolutely cancelled or rescinded, and all moneys paid on account thereof forfeited to the vendor, as and for liquidated and ascertained damages. Cost of conveyance to be paid by the purchaser. This receipt is given by the undersigned as agent, and subject to owner's confirmation.

Per BOND & CLARK, Agents for Miss Parshall. The other document designated at the top as "Duplicate Interim Receipt" followed the wording of the interim receipt except as to the last sentence, which was as follows:

"This receipt is given subject to owner's confirmation," and there was this memorandum at the foot: "I hereby accept the above terms and conditions."

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H. J. Knott, Manager. Subsequently, the defendants took the ground that they were not legally bound to go on with the purchase, and on 10th September the plaintiff, Mr. Bond, Mr. Knott and Mr. Reld held a meeting in Victoria and talked the matter over. Mr. Knott objected to paying interest from June on the unpaid purchase money, and plaintiff maintained she was entitled to it. No agreement was reached at the meeting, but next day Messrs. Bond & Clark wrote the following letter to Mr. Knott:

"H. J. Knott, Esq., Manager National Finance Co., Ltd.

Dear Sir,—Following up the conversation Miss Parshelle and the writer had with you yesterday. We are willing to make the following alterations (without prejudice) in the agreement entered into by you on the 27th of June last, for the purchase of the forty-two (42) lots, blocks one (1) and eight (8), Princess avenue, owned by Miss Parshall.

Purchase price of property is \$32,000, to be paid as follows: Cash, \$1,000; Nov. 1, \$4,000; Feb. 1, 1908, \$7,000 and interest; Feb. 1, 1909, \$10,000; Feb. 1, 1910, \$10,000. Six per cent. interest to be paid up to February, 1908; 7 per cent. to be paid after this date. Interest to be paid half yearly. Notes to be given for \$4,000 and \$7,000. Your early reply will oblige.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) BOND & CLARK.

The directors of the company, thinking they had got rid of the claim for interest, decided to complete the purchase, and on 14th September the company wrote Messrs. Bond & Clark as follows:

Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 14, 1907.

Messrs. Bond & Clark, Victoria, B.C. Gentlemen,—In reply to your favor of the 11th inst., re purchase of 42 lots, blocks 1 and 8, Princess avenue, owned by Miss Parshall, I might state that at our directors meeting held here last night, we were authorized to purchase said lots on the terms mentioned in your communication of the 11th inst. I have written our Mr. Reld in Victoria asking him to arrange for the drawing up of the agreement for sale in connection therewith, and he will likely call on you in the near future.

Trusting everything will be arranged satisfactorily to all parties concerned, we remain,

Yours very truly,

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H. J. Knott, Manager. No agreement for sale was drawn up, but on 14th October, 1907, the plaintiff conveyed the property to the company, and took a mortgage for \$31,000 payable as set out in the letter of 11th September.

On the same date, 14th October, the plaintiff entered into an agreement with the company whereby she covenanted to procure a certificate of indefeasible title to be issued to the company, in this agreement the mortgage was thus referred to: "A certain indenture of mortgage of even date herewith from said company to the said first party to secure the balance of the said purchase price and any other charges or encumbrances on the said lands created by the said company or its assigns."

Mr. Crease contends that the deed and mortgage operate as a merger. Mr. Lutton, for the plaintiff, contends that the letter of 11th September only altered in some respects the original agreement, and the plaintiff did not forego her right to interest. I cannot agree with him. I do not think I should be astute to so construe the letter. It seems to me the letter offers an entirely new bargain; it includes description of lots, amount of purchase price, cash payment (and as to this it must have been speaking as from 11th September) and terms of payment. The only omission is any reference to the \$100, already paid, and which was subsequently credited

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to defendants. But any doubt I might have as to the effect of the documents of 27th June and the letter of 11th September is removed by the acts of the parties on 14th October, when the deed and mortgage and agreement were executed and delivered.

Mr. Lutton points out that the completion of a contract for the sale of land by conveyance and payment of the purchase price does not necessarily operate as a discharge of every liability arising under the parties' agreement, and instances the cases of a promise to compensate for errors of description and a promise to fence as being enforceable after conveyance. But when vendor and purchaser come to the stage of conveyance and mortgage the one thing that they do settle is the amount of money which is to pass; they may leave other things out, but the money is the all-important item. A promise to fence is a stipulation collateral to the purchaser's main duty to pay the purchase money, and if the agreement contains a promise to fence and the conveyance is silent as to fencing, I see no good reason why the purchaser should expect to get out of keeping his promise. But if the conveyance contained a stipulation as to fencing which was different from that in the agreement, I should think he would be bound by the one in the conveyance only.

Applying this reasoning to this case, I think the purchaser's agreement contained in the mortgage to pay principal and interest is the only one that he is now bound by.

In Williams on Vendor and Purchaser at p. 932, the remedies open to the parties to a sale of land after completion of the contract by conveyance are set out, and I can find there nothing to sustain the plaintiff's claim. The plaintiff's action is dismissed with costs.

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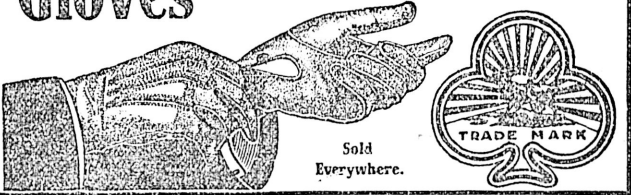
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PRIVATE NURSING HOME—Mrs. Walker, 1917 Burdette avenue. Phone A1199.

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CALIFORNIA HOTEL—19 Johnson St., newly fitted up from bottom to top, good accommodation, sporting gallery, complete life-size photos of all the noted sports and athletes up to the present day. Bar always supplied with best goods. Thos. L. McManus, proprietor.

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When you arrive at Victoria, take a large auto bus, which will take you to this hotel free. Our service is the best obtainable at the price. American plan \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day. Auto makes one trip daily around Stanley Park. E. Baynes, proprietor.

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The most convenient to business centre, theatres, wharves, and depots. Recently renovated and reconstructed. American and European plan. The place to meet your up-country friends. Geo. L. Howe, proprietor.

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A. E. Blackburn proprietor. This well-known and popular hotel entirely rebuilt and refurnished is now open to its patrons. Steam heat, fine commodious rooms, first-class dining room, best attention to comfort of guests. American plan, \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day. European plan \$2.50 upwards. 318 Westminster avenue.

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Mrs. S. Thompson, proprietor. Corner Carroll and Water streets, Vancouver. B. C. Vancouver's first hotel, situated in the heart of the city. Modernly equipped throughout. Midday lunch a specialty. European plan. Famed for good whiskey.

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Corner Hastings and Cambie streets. Headquarters for mining and commercial men. Rates \$2 and upwards. Atkins, Johnson & Stewart, proprietors.

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LOST—On George Road Saturday morning—Black satchel, 345 Colonist. d15

LOST
A silk umbrella with gold and ivory handle with McMillan stamped on it. Kindly return to Colonist, d15

LOST
From Admiral's Road, young English setter dog, white, blue ticked with black head. Anyone found harboring same after publication of this notice will be prosecuted. Return to Robert John Day, Esquimalt. d13

WANTED—TO RENT
FURNISHED HOUSE WANTED, must be in good location, have 3 bedrooms, fully furnished. Three or four months, to good tenant. Pemberton & Son, 625 Fort St. d15

WANTED TO RENT
or lease, six-roomed house, ten minutes from Parliament buildings. Box 124, Colonist. d3

WANTED
By gentleman three unfurnished rooms, light and water; close in. Reply Box No. 112, Colonist. d1

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STEAM USERS
Requiring stationary engineers can be supplied promptly with suitable men by applying to the secretary B. C. A. S. B., 210 Cross street. Phone B206.

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All kinds of Chinese help furnished; washing and ironing, wood cutting, land clearing, housework, cooks, farm hands, gardening scavenging; also translators and interpreters. 1789 Government street. Phone 23. d2

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All kinds of labor, general contractor. 1601 Government street. Phone 1630. d29

MRS. NEWTON
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THE DEVEREUX EMPLOYMENT AGENCY
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Positions (after Christmas) two superior governesses, resident and morning tuition. All English speaking, languages and music. d15

WANTED
Two experienced general maids (city). d15

WANTED
Mothers help, small family. d15

WANTED
Two experienced housemaids seek situations (city). d15

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WANTED—A teacher in the Oyster school for the coming term. Address H. M. Olsen, Secretary, Chemalmus, B. C. d15

TEACHER WANTED
For the Lady-smith public school. Must have normal training. Salary \$50 per month. electric light and telephone. Clean to the undersigned not later than 30th December. J. Stewart, Secretary, Ladysmith, B. C. d12

WANTED
Trained certified teachers for Maple Bay and Chemalmus River schools; salary \$50 per month. Apply to Jas. Norcross, Sec., Duncan. d9

TO LET—RESIDENCES
TO LET—5-roomed house. Apply 1705 Fernwood Road. d15

TO RENT
Small cottage on Head St. Apply Donegan. d15

TO LET
Part of partly furnished desirable house, close in. \$20. Box 328. Colonist. d13

TO LET
Five roomed cottage, 749 Market street. d13

TO LET
Reasonable, 5-room house. Apply 728 Hillside Ave. d13

TO LET
Large new dwelling, with one acre of ground, planted in fruit, etc. convenient to car; rent \$25 per month can be rented furnished if desired. Apply B. C. Land and Investment Agency, 922 Government St. d10

TO LET
Part of a modern house, furnished, near Beacon Hill Park, car, etc. Colonist, Box 576. n29

FOR RENT
Furnished house of nine rooms, or part of same. Apply Box 39, Colonist. n27

TO LET
Furnished cottages on Dallas Road, bath, hot and cold water and electric light. Apply Mrs. M. R. Smith, Sea View, Dallas Road, or 439 Fort street. n25

FOR SALE—RESIDENCES
FOR SALE—Six-roomed cottage, first-class condition throughout. Fruit and flowers. Apply 2639 Blanchard avenue. d15

FOR SALE
Cottage, 4 rooms, bath room and all modern improvements. New and unoccupied. Sea view, close tram line. Apply Owner, Box 342 Colonist. d15

FOR SALE
Furnished bungalow, modern, including Baby Grand piano, electric light, gas, telephone, in the best residential part of city. Apply J. W. Beattie, 1414 Elford St. Phone B-1328. d13

ROOM AND BOARD
can be got at "Maplehurst," 1937 Blanchard St. d10

TO LET
Board and room, also table board, \$5.50; comfortable reception rooms, two blocks from postoffice. 756 Rae St. d4

POULTRY AND LIVE STOCK
FOR SALE—Two Jersey cows one thoroughbred in calf to registered Jersey bull. Apply Colonist, d15

PULLETS
For sale pure and crossbred, 2403 Fernwood (morning). d15

FOR SALE
Two fresh cows one grade Jersey, quiet. Apply 1964 McCaskill St., Victoria West. d15

FOR SALE
Red Pyle Game Bantams, prize birds—\$2 up. W. J. D., P. O. Box 150. d13

FOR SALE
Two Jersey cows. Enquire 780 Hill street. Phone A1425. d13

FOR SALE
Or will exchange for sound general purpose horse, about 12 years old, three good milk cows. Box 278 Colonist. d13

FOR SALE
Good Jersey cow. 410 Superior St. d13

FOR SALE
Farm horse weight 1,500 well trained useful \$50. Well broken Holstein-Jersey cow in full milk, 3 years old, due June, \$45. Holstein-Jersey yearling heifer \$20, or \$60 the same. Incubator and Brooder almost new cost \$35, sell \$18. Spring wagon two seats, extra strongly built, cost \$140 this year; sacrifice \$60. Clark, Granville Avenue, Strawberry Vale. d14

WANTED—TO PURCHASE
Small farm with instant plan. Pay 10 per cent down and balance with 6 per cent interest in monthly instalments, about 12 per cent annually. Box 200, Colonist. d15

WANTED
Advertiser wishes to purchase one South African warrant. Box 312, Colonist. d13

I WILL BUY
South African soldiers scrip for cash. H. J. Sanders, 1203 Government street, city. (Upstairs). d5

WANTED—FEMALE HELP

GIRL for housework
three in family. Box 350, Colonist. d15

WANTED
English governess for little children on Island 30 miles from Victoria. Box 339, Colonist. d15

WANTED
Experienced English governess with knowledge of kindergarten, preferred. Easter term begins January 5th. Box 348, Colonist. d15

WANTED
A first-class lady stenographer who has experience in office work. 347, Colonist. d15

WANTED
Lady bookkeeper. Apply Box 353, Colonist. d15

WANTED
Good general servant; must be fair cook. Apply 819 Cook St. d13

FEMALE COOK
for small restaurant in Sidney. Address William Munro, Sidney, B. C. d12

WANTED—MALE HELP
WANTED—Outside runner, at once, at the Victoria hotel. d15

WANTED
An apprentice to jewelry business. Apply W. H. Wilkerson, Jeweler, 915 Government St. d6

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE
WANTED—Bright Japanese boy wants general housework at low wage. Apply Japanese Mission, 857 Pandora St. d15

ENGINEER
wants berth, or would assist, third-class B. C. papers. Box 296, Colonist. d12

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE
CAPABLE young person requires position as a youthful companion or model. Apply Box No. 274, Colonist office. d15

TO LET—HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS
TO LET—Furnished rooms and housekeeping rooms. Hotel Canada, Phone 1664. d9

TO LET
Housekeeping rooms. 1024 Vancouver street. d15

FOR RENT
Furnished housekeeping rooms. 735 View street; central. d13

TO LET—FURNISHED ROOMS
TO LET—Furnished room, bath, electric light, heat, board if desired. 1695 Blanchard. d15

FURNISHED ROOMS
Very central, 810 Douglas, corner Humboldt St. d11

TO LET
Rooms, 1003 Carberry Gardens; breakfast if desired. B-1514. d6

FURNISHED ROOMS
with bath, piano and phone. "Bellevue," Quebec St., close to Government buildings. n29

TO LET
Furnished bedroom, with use of bath. 322 John street, Rock Bay. n29

TO LET
Comfortably furnished room with use of kitchen if required. 328 Michigan St., James Bay. n21

TO RENT
Nicely furnished rooms, every convenience. 949 Fort St. Phone B1243. d25

FURNISHED ROOMS
Elegantly furnished rooms, with or without board. All modern improvements, including electric light and telephone. Clean to steamboat landing, corner Bridge and Walk and Belleville street. Mrs. Woodhill (formerly Revere House). n25

FOR SALE—PROPERTY
LOTS on Linden Ave.; small cash payments. Call and see us. Allen & Son, 579 Yates St. d15

FOR SALE
20 acres on Somesons Lake, one mile from Duncan. Majority cultivated. Fine house, furnace, water laid on, outbuilding, good fishing, duck shooting. Box X. Duncan. n5

FOR SALE
Lot 60 x 120, fenced, on Rockland Ave., near Cook St. Apply owner, P. O. Box 525, City. d10

TO LET—UNFURNISHED
TO LET—3 unfurnished rooms, large cheerful, 1st floor, Douglas street, corner Speed avenue. General delivery, Maywood P.O. d15

FARM LANDS
FREE MAP of British Columbia fruit districts, together with valuable information about soils, climate, prices of products, best locations, home-roads regulations, etc., sent free to those who send name and address to Kootenay Orchard Association, Ltd., Nelson, B. C. d12

NOTICE
In the Matter of the "Companies' Winding Up Act, 1898," and in the Matter of the Vancouver Shipbuilding, Sealing & Trading Company, Limited.

Notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the above-named company are requested, on or before the 24th day of January, 1909, to send their names and claims, to Herbert Lockwood, Room 8, Empire Building, Hastings street, Vancouver, B. C., Joint Liquidator of said company. And further notice that after such last-mentioned date the liquidators will proceed to distribute the assets of the company among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the liquidators have then notice.

Dated this twenty-fourth day of November, 1908.

HERBERT LOCKWOOD, JOHN ROUSEFELL, Joint Liquidators.

Room 8, Empire Building, Vancouver, B. C.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that British Columbia Packers' Association intend to apply two months after date to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the South West corner of the Indian Reserve, No. 1, Alsea Bay, and marked "B.C. Packers' Association S.W. Corner;" thence 10 chains southwest, thence 20 chains west paralleling the Coast line, thence 10 chains north to the Indian Reserve line, thence following the Coast line at high water mark to point of commencement, including the tidal lands, foreshore and lands covered by water within the said line.

(Signed) B. C. PACKERS' ASSOCIATION. Robert Chambers, Agent. Dated 16th November, 1908.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT 1900
Notice is hereby given that thirty (30) days after date, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a renewal of License to sell intoxicating liquors on the premises known as The Hudson's Bay Company House, situated at Telegraph Creek, British Columbia.

HUDSON BAY COMPANY, Per J. T. Telegraph Creek, B. C., 10th Nov 1908

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FOR SALE
A snug new bungalow, 5 rooms, 5 rooms, with large bath, room,

CIVIC NOTICE

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to execute the following works of Local Improvement, viz: to construct

1. Permanent sidewalks on both sides of Skinner street from the Indian Reserve to Russell street, and to grade and macadamize said street.
2. Permanent sidewalks on both sides of Belton Avenue, from Craigflower Road to Dominion Road.
3. Permanent sidewalk on the south side of Flagstaff street from Bligh street to Quadra street.
4. Permanent sidewalk on the south side of Flagstaff street (formerly Frederick street) from Quadra street to Cook street.
5. Permanent sidewalks on both sides of Rockland Avenue (formerly Belcher street) from Vancouver street to Cook street.
6. Permanent sidewalk on the north side of Fairfield Road from Vancouver street to Cook street.
7. Permanent sidewalks on both sides of Trutch street from Richardson street to Fairfield Road, with curbs and gutters (including maintenance).
8. The grading, macadamizing and draining of Oliphant Avenue from Vancouver street to Cook street and the construction of permanent sidewalks, with curbs, gutters and boulevards on both sides thereof (including maintenance).
9. Permanent sidewalk on the north side of Battery street, from Government street to Beacon Hill Park.
10. Permanent sidewalk on the south side of Simcoe street from Montreal street to Dallas Road.

AND that each and all of said works shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Local Improvement General By-law, and amendment thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said By-law, upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statements showing the amounts estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said works, and the reports of the City Engineer and City Assessor aforesaid having been adopted by the Council,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said reports are open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street.

"WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,"
C.M.C.
Victoria, B. C., City Clerk's Office, Dec. 2nd, 1908.

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Over an hour and a half \$1.50 per hour, within city limits.

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We are still offering at greatly reduced prices a complete line of Men's and Boys' Clothing, Waterproofs, Shoes, Trunks, Blankets, Leather Goods, etc.

Western Clothing House

533 Johnston St., Opp. Queen's Hotel

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
New York, Dec. 15.—Liquidation, aided by short selling, has been the story and the market did not act so badly. The shorts covered in the general market after two o'clock and on the rally. Paul and other leaders were for sale. Union Pacific was bought on a scale down and so was Southern Pacific. New York Central was always wanted, and Katy common looks like much higher prices. There was very active covering in Smelters and the stock, after reaching \$3 was in better demand up to and over \$5. Long speculative interests in it is sold out.

	High	Low	Close	Bid
Allis Chalmers	16 1/4	15 3/4	15 3/4	15 1/2
do pfd	50	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/4
Amal. Copper	83	80 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/4
Am. Car. Fdy.	47 1/2	46 1/4	46 1/4	46 1/2
do pfd	107 1/2	107	107	107 1/4
Am. Can. Oil	42 1/2	42	42	42 1/4
do pfd	94 1/2	94	94	94 1/4
Amer. Ice	25	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/4
Amer. Loco.	56	55	55 1/2	55 1/4
do pfd	108 1/2	108	108	108 1/4
Amer. Smelting	85 1/2	83	84 1/2	84 1/4
do pfd	102 1/2	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/2
Amer. Sugar	131 1/2	130 1/2	131 1/2	131 1/4
do pfd	109 1/2	109	109 1/2	109 1/4
Amer. Tel.	128 1/2	128	128 1/2	128 1/4
Amer. Woolen	31	30	30 1/2	30 1/4
do pfd	95 1/2	95	95 1/2	95 1/4
Atacota	110 1/2	110	110 1/2	110 1/4
Atlantic Coast	110 1/2	110	110 1/2	110 1/4
Atchafson	98 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/4
do pfd	101 1/2	101	101 1/2	101 1/4
B. and O.	111 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/4
do pfd	57 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/4
R. R. T.	57 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/4
C. C. C. and S. L.	69	68	67 1/2	67 1/4
C. and O.	173 1/2	172 1/2	173 1/2	173 1/4
C. and P.	57 1/2	56	56 1/2	56 1/4
C. and G. W.	53	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/4
do pfd	12	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/4
C. and N. W.	178	177	178	177 1/2
C. M. and S. P.	150 1/2	148 1/2	148 1/2	148 1/4
do pfd	162	162	162	162 1/4
Can. Lumber	30 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/4
do pfd	39	37 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/4
C. F. and L.	39	37 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/4
do pfd	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/4
Cons. Gas	55 1/2	54 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/4
do 2s pfd	68 1/2	67 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/4
Cons. Gas	162 1/2	162 1/2	162 1/2	162 1/4
Corn Products	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/4
do pfd	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/4
D. and H.	178 1/2	177 1/2	178 1/2	177 1/4
D. and R. G.	37	36	36 1/2	36 1/4
do pfd	35	34	34 1/2	34 1/4
Erie	40	39	39 1/2	39 1/4
do 2s pfd	40	39	39 1/2	39 1/4
Gen. Elec.	157	156 1/2	156 1/2	156 1/4
do pfd	72 1/2	71 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/4
Ill. Nor. Ore. Co.	145 1/2	145 1/2	145 1/2	145 1/4
Ill. Nor. Ore. Co.	145 1/2	145 1/2	145 1/2	145 1/4
Inter-Met.	17 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/4
do pfd	40 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/4
do pfd	33 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/4
Iowa Central	157	156 1/2	156 1/2	156 1/4
do pfd	122	122	122	122 1/4
L. and N.	122	122	122	122 1/4
do pfd	70	70	70	70 1/4
Met. St. Ry.	31 1/2	30	30 1/2	30 1/4
Mexican Cen.	21 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/4
M. S. P. S. S. M.	131	130 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/4
do pfd	148 1/2	148 1/2	148 1/2	148 1/4
M. K. and T.	39 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/4
do pfd	72 1/2	71 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/4
Mechanical	65 1/2	62 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/4
National Lead	80	77 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/4
do pfd	105	105	105	105 1/4
Newhouse	6	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/4
N. Y. Central	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/4
N. Y. O. and W.	46 1/2	45 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/4
N. and W.	84	84	84	84 1/4
Northern Pac.	142 1/2	141 1/2	142 1/2	141 1/4
Pacific Coast	25	24	24 1/2	24 1/4
Pacific Mfg.	130 1/2	129 1/2	130 1/2	129 1/4
Penn. Ry.	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/4
Peoples Gas	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/4
Pressed Steel	42	42	42	42 1/4
do pfd	141 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/4
Reading	141 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/4
do 1s pfd	90	90	90	90 1/4
do 2s pfd	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/4
Rep. Steel	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/4
Rock Island	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/4
do pfd	60 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/4
Sloss Steel	78 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/4
do pfd	120 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/4
Southern Pac.	120 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/4
do pfd	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/4
Tenn. Copper	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/4
Texas Pacific	35 1/2	34	34 1/2	34 1/4
Third Ave.	45	44 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/4
T. S. L. and W.	10	10	10	10 1/4
do pfd	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/4
Twin City	183	181 1/2	181 1/2	181 1/4
Union Pac.	29 1/2	29	29 1/2	29 1/4
U. S. Cast. I. Pipe	29 1/2	29	29 1/2	29 1/4
do pfd	51 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/4
U. S. Steel	112 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/4
do pfd	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/4
Utah Copper	43 1/2	43	43 1/2	43 1/4
Virginia Chem.	43 1/2	43	43 1/2	43 1/4
do pfd	113	113	113	113 1/4
Wabash	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/4
do pfd	47 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/4
Western Union	68 1/2	68	68 1/2	68 1/4
Westinghouse	88 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/4
Wisconsin Cent.	31	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/4
do pfd	67	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/4
Money on call, 4 1/2	2 1/2	3	3	3
Total sales	1,020,600 shares.			

Leeds county dairymen sold \$90,000 worth of cheese last season.

A physician and nurses were inoculated for typhoid fever at a Philadelphia hospital.

FURTHER DECLINE IN THE PRICE OF EGGS

Increasing Receipts of Local Produce Results in Lower Values

Increasing supplies of local eggs have resulted in a further decline in price. This week values were cut another five cents per dozen, making the retail price of the strictly fresh hen-product 60 cents per dozen. The end of the moult season has arrived and with it has come the inevitable increase in offerings of eggs which three weeks ago were selling at 70 cents per dozen. Eastern eggs are also in good supply, a fresh importation having been made last week. The quality of the arrivals is fair and prices are unchanged at last week's level of 35 cents per dozen.

Butter still holds at the price prevailing the past few weeks and though the creamery product is comparatively scarce while the demand continues strong, no change in prices has taken place.

In other lines of market produce price changes during the past week have been practically nil. In fruits prices are unchanged. A fresh shipment of Japanese oranges has been received and the quality of the fruit is better than that received earlier. Another shipment will arrive soon but will be late for the Christmas trade as it will not arrive until the day before Christmas. The fruit is retailing at present at 75 cents per box. Navel oranges are also improving in quality, the first shipments being rather green. The new on sale from 25 to 30 cents per dozen are of exceptionally good quality and size. California grapes are off the market but Malaga grapes are selling at last week's price of 25 cents per pound.

In the vegetable, fish, meat and poultry lines and flour and feedstuffs no price changes have been made, with the exception of an easier tendency to hams and bacon, the former retailing at from 18 to 22 cents per pound and the latter 25 cents per pound. There is a heavy demand for Christmas specialties such as dried fruits, candied peel and fruits and fancy wares of which the stock now offering is the largest and best selected of any previous season. Local retail prices are as follows:

Flour
Royal Household, a bag \$2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag \$2.00
Royal Standard, a bag \$2.00
Wild Rose, a bag \$1.75
Calgary, a bag \$2.00
Hungarian, per bbl. \$1.75
Snowflake, a bag \$1.75
Snowflake, per bbl. \$1.75
Mott's Best, per bbl. \$1.75
Drifted snow, per sack \$1.70
Three Star, per sack \$2.00

Foodstuffs
Bran, per 100 lbs. \$1.60
Shells, per 100 lbs. \$1.70
Middling, per 100 lbs. \$2.00
Feed Wheat, per 100 lbs. \$2.00
Oats, per 100 lbs. \$1.55
Barley, per 100 lbs. \$1.60
Chop Feed, per 100 lbs. \$1.70
Whole Corn, per 100 lbs. \$2.15
Cracked Corn, per 100 lbs. \$2.20
Feed Cornmeal, per 100 lbs. \$2.25
Green Onions, 3 bunches for \$1.00
Hay, Prairie, per ton \$16.00
Hay, Alfalfa, per ton \$20.00
Crushed Oats, per 100 lbs. \$1.65
Crushed Barley, per 100 lbs. \$1.65

Vegetables
Celery, per head05
Lettuce, two heads05
Garlic, per lb.20
Onions, 8 lbs for25
Green Onions, 3 bunches for10
Potatoes, per sack75
Cauliflower, each20 to .25
Cabbage, new, per lb.02
Red Cabbage, per lb.05
Green Peas, per lb.08
Beans, per lb.08
Beans, per lb.05 to .15
Tomatoes, per basket25
Beets, per lb.05
Carrots, per lb.05
Sweet Potatoes, 4 lbs.25

Dairy Produce
Fresh Island, per dozen60
Eastern, per dozen35
Cheese—
Canadian, per lb.20
Swiss, each05
Cream, local, each10
Butter—
Manitoba, per lb.35
Best Dairy25 to .30
Victoria Creamery, per lb.45
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.45
Comox Creamery, per lb.40
Chilliwack Creamery, per lb.40
Alberni Creamery, per lb.40

Fruit
Grape Fruit, per dozen \$1 to \$1.50
Oranges, per dozen25 to .50
Lemons, per dozen25
Figs, cooking, per lb.08 to .10

Apples, per box \$1 to \$1.75
Bananas, per dozen35
Flgs, table, per lb.25
Raisins, Valencia, per lb.25
Raisins, table, per lb.25 to .60
Pineapples, each60
Grapes, Malaga, per lb.25
Grapes, Concord, per basket75
Cranberries, Cape Cod, qt.25

Meat and Poultry
Cod, salted, per lb.10 to .13
Halibut, fresh, per lb. \$3 to .15
Halibut, smoked, per lb.15
Cod, fresh, per lb.10 to .15
Smoked Herring12 1/2
Crabs, 2 for lb.06 to .08
Black Bass, per lb.06 to .08
Oolichans, salt, per lb.12 1/2
Flounders, fresh, per lb.06 to .10
Salmon, fresh white, per lb.08 to .10
Salmon, fresh red, per lb.10 to .12
Shrimp, smoked, per lb.25 to .30
Shrimps, per lb.08 to .10
Smelts, per lb.12 1/2
Herring, kippered, per lb.12 1/2
Finnish Haddock, per lb.20

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.
Chicago, Dec. 15.—Wheat—There was a better tone to the wheat trade during the entire morning. Market closed lower. Dulness while waiting for the final crop figures which came promptly at 11 a. m. Just before the report was posted the trade got nervous and holders generally sold wheat, forcing the May price back. In revising the acreage there was not as much increase as expected. The report showed a slight increase in acreage was more than discounted and on quick buying the market had a rally of 1/2 cent to 10 1/2 for May and 1 1/2 for July. A review of European crop conditions was decidedly favorable and moderately bearish. On the other hand, breadstuffs were in demand, now in world's visible stock was a bull help. It is more than probable that with the crop figures out of the way and many of the former holders out of the market, wheat will be experienced for a time.

Corn—Effect of government's figures was a little bearish, forcing May back at the close. If anything occurs to give May corn a bid close to six cents we feel that buyers can take hold with safety.

Provisions—There was no important action in prices of products of the market closed practically the same as yesterday. We think resting orders a little under the May price to buy product, the best purchase in this market. Wheat—Open, High, Low, Close
May 10 1/4 10 5/8 10 1/4 10 5/8
July 9 7/8 9 7/8 9 7/8 9 7/8
Sept. 6 1/4 6 1/2 6 1/4 6 1/2
Oct. 5 1/2 5 1/2 5 1/2 5 1/2
Nov. 4 7/8 4 7/8 4 7/8 4 7/8
Dec. 4 1/2 4 1/2 4 1/2 4 1/2
Jan. 9 1/5 9 1/5 9 1/2 9 1/2
Feb. 9 40 9 40 9 35 9 37
Mar. 8 1/5 8 1/5 8 1/5 8 1/5
Apr. 8 4/5 8 4/5 8 4/2 8 4/7

British Wharves.
London, Dec. 14.—With a view to showing the British flag on both sides of the American continent, the admiralty has ordered the cruisers Cambrania and Flora detached from the Australian and China squadrons respectively for a visit to the southern ports of the Pacific coast of South America. This will make three separate cruises in the waters of the American continent. The largest British force hitherto in these waters was composed of the squadron under Rear-Admiral Sir Percy Scott and the sloops Shearwater and Algerine visiting at Acapulco, Mexico, and other ports along the coast.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

DIED.

RUSSELL—On Dec. 14, at Jubilee Hospital, J. Russell, native of Austria, age 42 years.
Funeral from Eagles' Hall, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

WALKER—Monday, December 14th inst., Herbert Welling Walker, son of O. L. and E. J. Walker, of Nanaimo, and grandson of Mrs. J. Bullen, 975 Frederick St.; age 24 years and 3 days.
Funeral Wednesday, December 16th.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS (Too Late for Classification)

JAPANESE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE—Japanese Contractors, all kinds of Japanese laborers, 1617 Store St., Victoria City. d16

LOST—Between Burnside Rd. and Fort Street, a carriage lamp without burner. Finder returning it to R. Berks, Messrs. Lenz & Lelzer, will be suitably rewarded. d16

WANTED—Capable girl to assist with children and housework. Apply 541 Dallas Rd. d16

FOUND—Purse. Apply to R. L. Pocock at the office of The Colonist. d16

LOST—A lady's gold watch, with owner's initials engraved. A suitable reward will be given on being left at 371 Colist Office. d16

TO LET—Store and bakery, Fort St., between Government and Douglas St. P. R. Brown, Ltd., 1130 Broad St. d16

TO LET—A furnished cottage, also large furnished room. 1120 Vancouver street. d16

WANTED—Young man (Scotch) with thorough business training, wants further experience. 373, Colonist. d16

WANTED—First class salesman for clothing and furnishing store. Apply by letter to box 374 Colonist Office. References required. d16

ALBURN LAND—Advertiser will purchase Alburn property if prices are reasonable. Address Box 379 Colonist. d16

WANTED—Heating boiler and apparatus for greenhouse 50 feet long, new or second-hand. Apply Box 375 Colonist. d16

YOU HAVE EIGHT DAYS TO SHOP

And the crowds that daily throng the Big Store seem to realize that there is no time like the present and are doing their buying now. Some are taking advantage of the unusual furniture values, people who do so are wise, as the bargains are good. The whole store literally teems with holiday merchandise and at prices that were never so attractive. Orchestra selections tonight at 8 p.m.

Special Values on Sale Today

Leather Goods on Sale Today

A timely offering of the finest quality leather goods Christmas Gifts at good price concessions. The following articles go on sale today

LEATHER MUSIC ROLLS AND CASES, moire silk lined, Regular \$1.50 and \$1.75. Today	\$1.00	COLORED LEATHER BLOTTING CASE, special today	\$1.25
MUSIC CASES, in black seal and walrus leather, moire and leather lined, regular \$3.50 and \$5.00. Today	\$2.50	TRAVELING WRITING CASES, two only to sell, were \$12.50 and \$17.50. Today	\$5.00
MUSIC CASES, three only to sell, light fawn, crocodile leather, silk lined, regular \$5.00 and \$7.50. Today	\$2.50	LEATHER GLOVE AND HANDKERCHIEF CASES, in seal leather, silk lined, at, per set, \$3.50 and	\$7.50
LEATHER BLOTTERS AND WRITING CASES, in suede and plain leather. Regular \$5.00, \$5.75 and \$6.75. Today	\$2.50	LEATHER COLLAR BOXES, in plain and suede leathers. Today, 75c, \$1.25 and	\$1.50
		TRAVELING DRESSING CASES, in pigskin and seal leather, were \$12.00, two only to sell today	\$6.75

China Specials Today 25c

TEA CUPS AND SAUCERS, dainty shapes and decorations. Special	25c
BON BON TRAYS, leaf shapes, rose decorations, special	25c
CARD RECEIVERS, leaf design, forget-me-not decoration. Special	25c
TEA POT STANDS, assorted shapes. Special	25c
CANDY BASKETS, scalloped edge, gold traced. Special	25c
BERRY BOWLS, 9 inch size, assorted decorations, special	25c
FANCY PLATES, lattice border, rose decoration. special	25c
MILK JUGS, fancy shapes and decorations, special	25c
FANCY VASES, Dutch designs, special	25c
BREAD AND BUTTER PLATES, large assortment, special	25c
TEA PLATES, plain and scalloped edge, light and heavy decorations, special	25c
CREAM JUGS, swan pattern, gold lines, special	25c
FLAT SPOONERS, rose decorations, special	25c
CHILDRENS FANCY CUPS AND SAUCERS, various decorations, special	25c
SHAVING MUGS, swan decorations, special	25c

China Specials at 50c Today

CHEESE DISHES, white fluted, Dorothy pattern, special at	50c
CHEESE DISHES, in cream and gold, special at	50c
MILK JUGS, various choice designs, with gilt tracings, special at	50c
PLATES, Limoges china, holly decoration, beaded gold edge, special at	50c
SAUCE BOATS, Limoges China, special at	50c
SOAP DISHES, Limoges China, special at	50c
DESSERT PLATES, rose decorations, choice gold border, special at	50c
SUGAR BASINS, special at	50c
PORRIDGE BOWLS AND CREAM JUGS, each	50c
PRESERVE DISHES, with handles and quaint figures, brownie pattern, special at	50c
RADISH DISHES, special at	50c
SPOON TRAYS, with handles, very newest styles, special at	50c
VASES, graceful shapes, rose and poppy decorations, special at	50c
HAT PIN AND RING HOLDERS, special at	50c
BREAKFAST CRUETS, in white metal, the English patent fittings, special at	50c
GLASS DECANTERS, for oil and vinegar, with stoppers, special at	50c

Women's Colored Slippers on Sale Today

Regular \$2.00, Today 95c

WOMEN'S SLIPPERS, a very dainty kind for Christmas wear, made of fine quality denim, a pump shoe with covered heels, hand turned soles, colors Copenhagen and Alice blue, pink and white. At the price quoted these slippers are away below cost. Regular price \$2.00. Today's price

95c

Boy's \$1.75 Sweaters, Today 95c

Buy the boy one of these nice sweaters for Xmas. He is sure to appreciate it. They are made of fine worsteds in plain and fancy designs, the fancy ones being colored stripes on plain grounds. Regular \$1.50 and \$1.75. Today

95c

7.30 Specials Tonight

Tonight we offer as special some of the more useful articles for gifts. Any of these things would make desirable and welcome presents. And the values are particularly attractive:

Solid Leather Suit Cases on Sale Tonight

Regular \$6.00 to \$35.00, Tonight \$4.90 to \$21.75

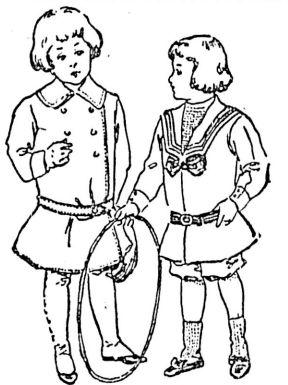
A 7.30 sale of Suit Cases, and our very best solid leather ones at that. All qualities are included, up to our high grades. They come in 22 inch, 24 inch, 26 inch and 28 inch sizes, and are the best makes only. Shown in various shades of tan and brown. A snap for the person that travels much, a boon to the person that wants to make a useful and sensible gift. That is what this 7.30 sale of suit cases is. Values from \$6.00 to \$35.00. 7.30 p.m. tonight, \$4.90 to

\$21.75

7.30 Sale of Boy's Fancy Suits

\$4.75 Suits, Tonight for \$2.75

An offering of a quantity of Fancy Suits for boys. These suits are of the sailor and buster styles, made of light, medium and dark fancy tweeds and worsteds, also plain serge, in navy. They are prettily made, with embroidered collars and silk ties, and finished with belts. Very attractive little garments for boys ranging from three to nine years. Regular price \$4.75. 7.30 p.m. tonight **\$2.75**



More Christmas Furniture Specials

7.30 Sale of Novelty Chairs

Tonight we continue our special Christmas sale of furniture with some exceptional values on a new lot of Parlor Rockers. We mention herewith a few of the values from our long list of newly arrived stock.

COBBLER SEAT ROCKERS, worth \$3.50. 7.30 tonight	\$2.50
COBBLER SEAT ROCKERS, worth \$5.50. 7.30 tonight	\$4.50
ROLL FRONT SEAT ROCKERS, reg. \$6.75. 7.30 p.m. tonight	\$5.75
SADDLE SEAT ROCKERS, regular \$8.00. 7.30 tonight	\$6.75

SADDLE SEAT ROCKERS, regular \$9.00. 7.30 tonight	\$7.50
ROLL FRONT ROCKERS, mahogany, regular \$9.00. 7.30 tonight	\$8.00
ROLL FRONT ROCKERS, golden oak, \$9.00. 7.30 tonight	\$8.00

7.30 Sale of Handsome Piano Drapes

Regular \$2.50 to \$4.50, For \$1.50

Regular \$4.75 to \$6.50, For \$2.50

A quantity of handsome Piano Drapes on sale tonight. Rich handsome goods made of Japanese Silk, beautifully embroidered in silk and gold thread, with borders of silk fringe.

Regular \$2.50 to \$4.50 Drapes
7.30 Tonight \$1.50

Regular \$4.75 to \$6.50 Drapes
7.30 Tonight \$2.50

7.30 Sale of Women's Gloves

Kid Gloves Worth to \$1.25 for 85c

KID GLOVES on Sale Tonight, short gloves with one and two dome fasteners. Glace Kid in tan, grey, brown and beaver, Suede in black. Excellent qualities, both lines are, and well worth the full price, but as a Christmas special we will sell these gloves worth up to \$1.25, at 7:30 p.m. tonight

85c

Candy Department Bargains for Today

BUTTERCUPS, nice assorted flavors, regular 30c per pound, today

PUFFED RICE, regular 30c per pound, today

20c **15c**

Buy Him a Safety Razor for Xmas

And if you do he will certainly have something pleasant to remember you by. For the man that has not experienced the pleasure and comfort that comes with the use of a safety razor, there is certainly much in store for him, provided he gets the chance to try and use one. Buy him one of these for Christmas and make him happy.

GILLETTE SAFETY RAZORS, at \$9.50, \$7.50, \$6.50, and	\$5.00
GILLETTE SAFETY RAZOR OUT-FIT, at	\$13.50

THE DIVICO SAFETY RAZOR, at \$7.50 and	\$3.50
THE KALITA SAFETY RAZOR, \$1.00	
GILLETTE BLADES, per set ..	\$1.00

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